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This month's front cover . . .

White-shirted Real Madrid outside-left Gento is poised to move forward with a clear view of the opposing goalmouth while the Rest of Spain defenders Manuel (behind Gento) and goalkeeper Araquistain prepare themselves for the expected decisive thrust. In this match played last December, Real Madrid won 4-0.

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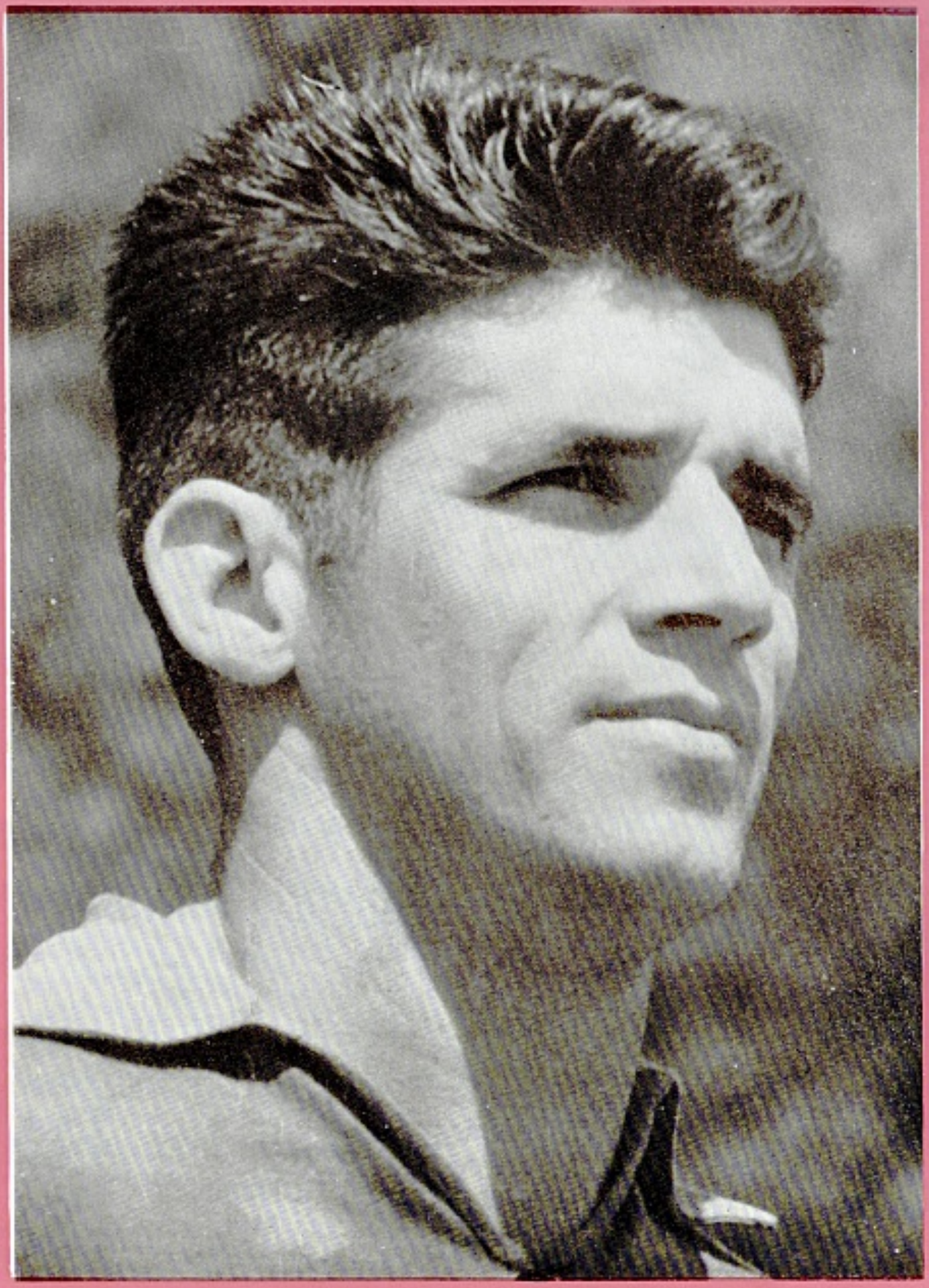

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FOOTBALL is experiencing yet another metamorphosis, probably the most vital in its long history. The popularity of the inter-continental competition, the link-up between European television companies on big-match days, the growing financial and social status of the player in certain countries and the selective attitude of the supporter who now tends to patronise the more glamorous competition: all these are contributory factors in the wind of change sweeping through the corridors of the world game.

But there is another aspect which, in itself, is most significant of the widening of domestic horizons. This is the acceptance by the majority of the world's sporting press that football has become a truly international sport. The evidence is mounting. France, Italy, Spain and Germany, noted for their lavish number of football newspapers, are stepping up their international content. In South America, too, where the game is chronicled in lush magazine style, the affairs of Europe are given specialised treatment.

More than ever before, the performances of Tottenham Hotspur are of keen interest to enthusiasts in Montevideo just as the successes of Real Madrid cause discussion among the French, the British and the Russians.

This happy trend speaks volumes for the future of association football. The signs are already there. The almost annual talking-point in Europe is the possible formation of a common league made up of the top clubs from a dozen countries: games to be played during the summer evenings. The match between the winners of the European Cup and the South American Cup is to be a regular feature in the soccer calendar and, like as not, a series of inter-continental internationals will be established soon. Indeed, on page six inside, is news of the enlargement of the long-established Mitropa Cup competition. Under a new guise and completely modernised, it seems that East and West Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Holland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland will all be represented by their top four clubs and the series will be played off during June, July and August. Everywhere there are nations eager to compete on an international scale for international honours.

We would like to think that WORLD SOCCER is playing a vital role in this bright new approach to the ancient game. This magazine carries no banner for any one nation. It has been popularly hailed as the first real international football magazine ever to be published: an unbiased vehicle for world events.

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INTERNATIONAL POST MORTEM by ERIC BATTY

EIGHT EUROPEAN COUNTRIES FOR A REVISED SU

MITROPA CUP IS TO BE E

ONE of the chief talking points in recent months has been whether or not the time is ripe for the creation of a European League. Discussions have been taking place for many weeks by official and semi-official bodies, but to date only one group has made substantial progress.

Switzerland's national coach Karl Rappan set the ball rolling last autumn when he put forward his own proposals for a summer league to start in 1961, in which he hoped all the well known continental clubs would take part. Spain, England and France promptly rejected the proposition, partly because their fixture lists are already well packed and partly because his plan was backed by the Swiss Toto (football pool). However several countries expressed an interest and at a recent meeting in Vienna it was agreed to go ahead with the idea.

The U.E.F.A. have already rejected the series apparently because they disapprove of any direct connection with the organisers of football pools, but by a very smart manoeuvre they seem to have been sidestepped.

At the meeting in Vienna the organisers of the Mitropa Cup were present. This competition already has the approval of FIFA and UEFA and has been in being since 1927. Originally confined to clubs in central Europe the competition was held regularly until the advent of the European Cup made Mitropa seem like a regional series for amateurs. In the circumstances the organisers of the Mitropa Cup could do little but bow out gracefully. They played a vitally important part in the development of the game, but when their work had been completed they had to stand down.

Now after what appears to me to have been promptings from Switzerland, the Mitropa Cup is to be brought up to date and enlarged. East and West Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, Holland, Sweden, Czechoslovakia and Switzerland will all be represented by their top four clubs and the series will be played off during June, July and August.

If the fixtures are not used by the Swiss Pools then I shall be very surprised indeed, but far more than that I am disappointed that the UEFA has not yet produced a scheme of its own. What is required is not a luke warm summer series but a full blooded European competition that will be held in midweek during the season and competed for by the top clubs who will not take any further part in their own national competitions.

Following the news that Reims inside left Roger Piantoni is considering a move to Buenos Aires in May where he will play for River Plate, his present colleagues have tagged him l'Argentin. It seems strange that the President of River Plate should seek a Frenchman to bolster his attack when the leading goalscorer in France at the time of his visit was OGC Nice's Hector de Bourgoing (an Argentinian).

Over the years French clubs have fielded a huge number of foreign born players, and at one time they vied with Italy for premier place in this respect. At the present time there is a ban on the importation of more foreigners unless they are of French extraction, but there have been complaints behind the scenes for some time past and if Piantoni does go to River it will certainly spark off a new move to have the rules altered.

French football in the role of an exporter will possibly seem strange to many readers but it is not such a

TOP SIX TEAMS AS THEY STOOD UP TO JANUARY 29

WEST GERMANY (S.)

	Pld.	Pts.
1st FC Nurnberg	21	36
Kickers Offenbach	21	28
Eintracht Frankfurt	20	24
Karlsruher SC	21	24
VfB Stuttgart	21	23
SSV Reutlingen	21	23

WEST GERMANY (N.)

	Pld.	Pts.
Hamburg SV	18	33
Hannover 96	19	25
VfV Hildesheim	19	23
VfL Osnabruck	18	22
Werder Bremen	18	22
Altoner 93	19	22

HOLLAND

	Pld.	Pts.
Feyenoord	16	25
Ajax Amsterdam	16	24
Groningen VAV	16	24
NAC Breda	16	21
PSV Eindhoven	15	20
VV Venlo	16	19

IRISH LEAGUE

	Pld.	Pts.
Linfield	11	18
Ards	11	16
Glentoran	11	15
Ballymena Utd.	11	15
Portadown	11	15
Glenavon	11	11

LEAGUE OF IRELAND

	Pld.	Pts.
Drumcondra	12	18
Dundalk	12	18
Shamrock R.	12	17
Waterford	12	16
Limerick	12	14
St. Patrick's Ath.	11	14

BELGIUM

	Pld.	Pts.
FC Liege	17	23
SC Anderlecht	17	22
Daring (Brussels)	17	22
Standard Liege	15	21
Beerschot AC	17	21
Ead. Alost	17	19

BRAZIL (Sao Paulo) Final

	Pld.	Pts.
Santos	34	50
Portuguesa Desportos	34	48
Corinthians	34	44
Palmeiras	34	43
Guarani	34	38
Noroeste	34	38

BRAZIL
Rio de Janeiro (Final)

	Pld.	Pts.
America FC	24	37
Fluminense	24	36
Botafogo	24	35
Flamengo	24	28
Vasco da Gama	24	28
Bangu	24	23

ENGLAND

	Pld.	Pts.
Spurs	27	48
Wolves	27	40
Sheffield Wednesday	26	36
Burnley	26	33
Everton	26	32
Aston Villa	26	30

FRANCE

	Pld.	Pts.
AS Monaco	25	38
Racing Paris	25	36
Reims	24	32
SCO Angers	25	30
Rouen	25	30
Sedan	25	29

GREECE

	Pld.	Pts.
Panathinaikos	14	39
Olympiakos	14	36
Panionios	14	36
AEK Athens	14	33
PAOK	14	32
Apollon	14	31

WEST GERMANY (SW.)

	Pld.	Pts.
Borussia Neunkirchen	22	31
FK Pirmasens	21	30
1st FC Saarbrucken	21	27
1st FC Kaiserslautern	21	23
Phonix Ludwigshafen	22	23
Spfr. Saarbrucken	20	22

WEST GERMANY (W.)

	Pld.	Pts.
Borussia Dortmund	19	25
Westfalia Herne	19	24
Rot Weiss Oberhausen	19	23
FC Schalke 04	18	22
Alemannia Aachen	19	21
Hamborn 07	18	20

ITALY

	Pld.	Pts.
Internazionale	17	26
AC Milan	17	23
AS Roma	17	22
Juventus	17	22
Catania	17	22
Sampdoria	17	19

LUXEMBOURG

	Pld.	Pts.
Union Luxembourg	17	27
Jeunesse Esch	17	27
Spora Luxembourg	17	24
Grevenmacher	16	18
Stade Dudelange	16	17
Red Boys Differdange	16	17

PORTUGAL

	Pld.	Pts.
Benfica	16	29
Sporting Lisbon	16	27
Oporto	16	22
Vit. Guimaraes	16	21
Belenenses	16	19
C.U.F.	16	18

SCOTLAND

	Pld.	Pts.
Rangers	23	38
Kilmarnock	22	28
Aberdeen	22	27
Motherwell	22	26
Celtic	22	23
T. Lanark	22	23

SPAIN

	Pld.	Pts.
Real Madrid	19	34
Atletico Madrid	19	27
CF Barcelona	19	22
Atletico Bilbao	19	21
Zaragoza	19	21
Valencia	19	20

UMMER TOURNAMENT

EXTENDED

revolutionary idea. In fact ten players at least have joined Italian and Spanish clubs since the war and several of them were useful players. Raymond Kopa had a two year spell with Real Madrid before he rejoined Reims, a year before his contract expired, but the list of French exports includes others just as well known: Larbi Ben Barek, Marcel Domingo, Louis Hon and Antoine Bonifaci.

Bonifaci seemed at one time to be capable of developing into a real world class player before he moved to Italy in 1953, and his transfer to Torino was a bitter disappointment to the French selectors. Since then there have been continual rumours about an imminent move back to Nice but still Bonifaci remains in Italy with Torino, Bologna, back to Torino and now with Lanerossi (Vicenza).

Ben Barek was at one time the most sought after player in the whole of Europe. Morocco born he was capped for France before the war and after it, and then despite the efforts of French clubs to keep him, he went off with goalkeeper Marcel Domingo to serve a two year term with Atletico Madrid — and help them win the Spanish championship in 1950 and 1951.

Two years ago Real Madrid pulled off a big scoop in signing the Brazilian star Waldyr Periera (Didi) and for a short time were the envy of everybody. Then when it became clear that Didi had failed to adjust himself to the faster and harder European game back he went to South America and Real Real consoled their fans by obtaining the services of Agne Simonsson centre-forward in Sweden's 1958 World Cup XI. For a while the Swede seemed to be doing splendidly but now there are whispers that he too has failed and that he will be loaned to Madrid's nursery Spanish second division club Plus Ultra for the rest of his contracted service. At the same time a second rumour is going the rounds which seems to confirm the first, Real are after Barcelona's goalscoring inside-forward Evaristo!

Certainly Madrid's standards are high, but the wastage of talent passing through Chamartin will surely make other players think twice before signing? How would Pele fare if the Brazilian boy wonder changed his mind and came to Europe after all?

Plus Ultra have already benefitted quite considerably from Real's expensive excesses. Former Madrid inside-right Marsal is currently organising their attack and last season they had the loan of former Uruguayan international half-back Hector Ramos.

On the first of February, England's Stanley Matthews celebrated his 46th birthday. He is still producing the thoughtful football that made him a star back in 1935 when he figured at outside-right for England against Germany. Another not-so-young outside-right recently attracted my attention — strangely enough a German, Georg Hoock. Never an international young Georg had a birthday on January 25th (his 75th) — and still playing, in Leipzig (East Germany).

Quite a startling item was recently placed before the Polish Football Association — the suggestion that professionalism be introduced. In Eastern Europe all sportsmen are regarded as amateurs, but from Poland there have been reports of illegal payments, players accepting bribes to lose matches, and even players offering bribes.

Tottenham Hotspur and Northern Ireland right-half Danny Blanchflower, like most British players, enjoys a game of golf. Here he selects a club for a particularly difficult shot. (Photo: Metelmann.)

Results, line-ups since the last edition:

DECEMBER 4

Equador (0) **3** (Raffo 2, Spencer)
Argentina (4) **6** (Corbatta 2, Belen, Sosa, Ramaciotti, Pando)

Equador: Yulee; Izaguirre, Lecaro; Matias, Galarza, Gomez; Balseca, Olanos, Raffo, Spencer, Canarte.
Argentina: Roma; Navarro, Vidal; Simeone, Ramaciotti, Sacchi; Corbatta, Rando, Sosa, San Filippo, Belen.

DECEMBER 18

Argentina (1) **5**
Equador (0) **0**

Argentina: Roma; Navarro, Vidal, Simeone, Ramaciotti, Sacchi; Corbatta, Rando, Sosa, San Filippo, Belen.
Equador: Yu'ee; Izaguirre, Lecaro; Matias, Galarza, Gomez; Balseca, Olanos, Raffo, Bolanos, Canarte.

JANUARY 22
World Cup Match

Tunisia (0) **1**
Morocco (1) **1**

Tunisia: Khalled; Dhaou, Taoufik; Cherif, Mohieddine, Chetali; Naji, Meddeb, Haddad, Toesti, Kerrit.
Morocco: Baggar; Bettage, Mustapha; Tibari, Larbi, Hamid; Lamari, Khalfi, Akesbi, Chicha, Azhar.

JANUARY 30

A Scottish XI (1) **4** (Herd 2, Brand, Hilley)
Scottish League XI (1) **1** (McCann)

Scotland: Leslie; Duncan McKay, Caldow; Dave Mackay, McNeill, Baxter; McLeod, Law, Herd, Brand, Wilson.
Scottish League: Ogston; Shearer, Cox; Crerand, Toner, McCann; Scott, Hiller, Kerr, Quinn, McParland.

JACK ROLLIN'S ENGLISH SURVEY

ALL QUIET AFTER THE EXCITEMENT

SOCCER peace, with the players being granted their two most cherished wishes, was received initially as a relief from what might have proved serious in consequence. Removal of some of the restrictions affecting the retain and transfer system, abolition of the maximum clause and increased graded minimum wages virtually emancipated the professionals and placed them in the first month of 1961 with every possibility of being able to look back on the remaining months a year hence as truly an *annus mirabilis*.

With a joint committee drawn from the League and players to settle any outstanding differences, and among other points the promise to deal with any transfer disputes between club and players, this was also well received by the weight of public opinion that had seemed to lie with the players from the outset.

Once the results of the settlement had been looked into more deeply, it was argued that since most clubs would place their own ceilings on wages, virtually little material advantage would be gained by the players apart from an increase in the minimum wage. This was thought to be counteracted by the cutting of playing staffs at the end of the current season.

The chief spokesman for the players, Jimmy Hill of Fulham F.C., emerged as the champion of his profession. Offers of positions in politics, television and industry were reported to have reached him following his successful negotiations on behalf of the Professional Footballers Association.

With the hope that once this subject became dated, the actual business of reporting football matches which had been passing through a phase of semi-omission, would be renewed with more vigour was shattered by another off-shoot of the soccer tree.

With Tottenham Hotspurs heading the First Division and playing as well as ever, their players' attitude towards congratulating goalscorers by over-affectionate and supposedly un-English expression of emotion, was seized on by the press after an article on excess shouting on the field in the official journal of the Football Association had been misconstrued.

Whatever the rights and wrongs of the case, the fact that comment on it had been over-emphasised to a point where it reached proportions completely out of context, served to underline the stature of Spurs ability which apparently had reached a level where any comment on their play is superfluous.

Accompanying this fame at the head of Division One has been an increase in the number of ticket touts outside Tottenham's ground and at other grounds where demand has been high. Publicity was given to the efforts of the National Federation of Supporters Clubs who with the co-operation of a number of football clubs decided to wage war on the black market in tickets. This scandal which has represented a thriving living for many people directly concerned has become something of a social evil over the years. To rid the country of it would be a useful measure.

A slight easing in weather conditions may have provided these touts with an incentive but grounds were as muddy and unplayable as ever when the F.A. Cup battles were fought. A number of matches were either postponed or abandoned and a shock result occurred at Luton. Manchester City were leading the home side 6-2 in the second half when the game was abandoned. Denis Law, City's Scottish international inside-left had scored all six. In the re-arranged game a few days later Luton won 3-1. Law did however manage to score his side's goal; small consolation in view of the result.

With interest in this competition taking pride of place and attendance figures generally healthy from these games, little change has affected relative League positions. Spurs still maintain their lead in Division One and the contest remains for the talent money positions.

Wolves have shown gradual improvement to establish themselves in second place and Sheffield United have recovered form in Division Two to head the table again. Despite the transfer of their highly rated outside-left Clive Clark to West Bromwich Albion, Queens Park Rangers have taken over the leadership of Division Three, while another London club Crystal Palace seem set for promotion to Division Three.

Palace's centre-forward Johnny Byrne became the first Fourth Division player to be selected for international honours for England when he was picked for the Under 23 team.

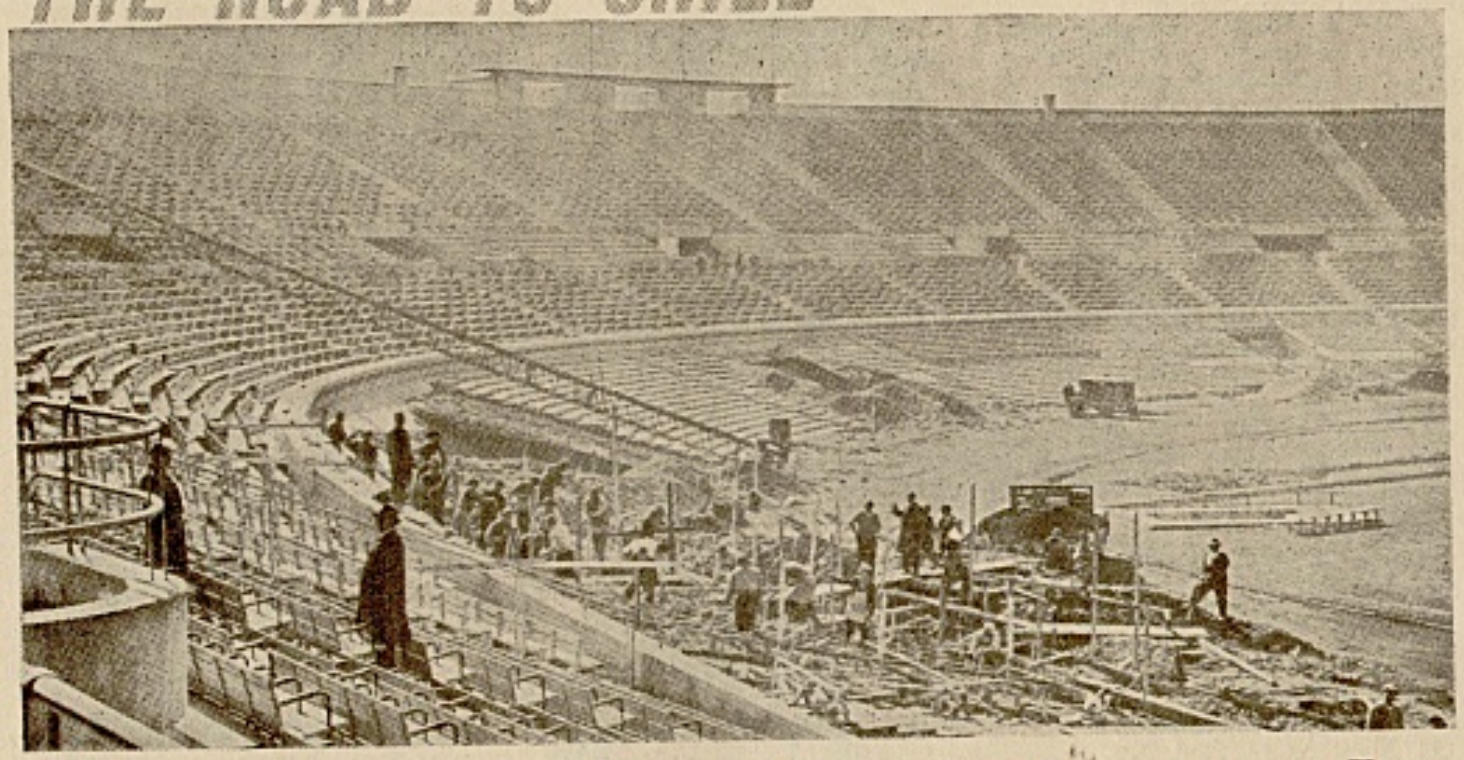
Again on the international front at club level, Burnley having survived against Reims in an earlier round of the European Cup defeated Hamburg SV at Turf Moor and can look forward to as keen an encounter in Germany in the return game. Now Everton have been selected to compete in the U.S. International Soccer League this summer.

Probably due to the increased amount of international competition for English teams and certainly to the growing awareness of global soccer news, there has been a pleasing trend of stories and facts in the newspapers from other countries. The English public has probably never been so well informed on soccer subjects outside of the British Isles.

Everton's former Dundee wing-half Jimmy Gabriel is in his first full season with the English club and was capped earlier this term against Wales. (P.A.I.)

THE ROAD TO CHILE

The stadium at Santiago, Chile, where the 1962 World Cup final will be played. Undergoing improvements, it will hold 97,400 spectators.



The latest World Cup results

SINCE our survey on The Road to Chile appeared in the January edition of WORLD SOCCER several matches have been decided in the competition and are as follows:

Europe—Group II: France 3, Bulgaria 0. **Near East Zone:** Israel 6, Cyprus 1. **South American Group I:** Argentina 5, Ecuador 0: Ecuador 3, Argentina 6. **Central and North American Zone (b):** Costa Rica 3, Guatemala 2. **Central and North American Zone (c):** Antilles 0, Surinam 0.

Up to date tables for each qualifying group are:

EUROPE

Group I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Sweden	1	1	0	0	2	0	2
Switzerland	1	1	0	0	4	2	2
Belgium	2	0	0	2	2	6	0

Group II

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
France	2	2	0	0	5	1	4
Finland	1	0	0	1	1	2	0
Bulgaria	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Group III

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
West Germany	2	2	0	0	7	3	4
Ireland (Nthn.)	1	0	0	1	3	4	0
Greece	1	0	0	1	0	3	0

Group IV

Hungary, Holland and East Germany have yet to play.

Group V

Russia, Turkey and Norway have yet to play.

Group VI

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
England	1	1	0	0	9	0	2
Luxemboug	1	0	0	1	0	9	0
Portugal	0	0	0	0	0	0	0

Group VII

Italy, Romania and winners of Near East Zone have yet to play.

Group VIII

Czechoslovakia, Scotland and Eire have yet to play.

Group IX

Spain, Wales and winners of African Zone have yet to play.

Group X

Yugoslavia, Poland and winners of Asian Zone have yet to play.

NEAR EAST ZONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Israel	2	1	1	0	7	2	3
Cyprus	2	0	1	1	2	7	1

Israel qualify to meet Ethiopia.

ASIAN ZONE

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
South Korea	1	1	0	0	2	1	2
Japan	1	0	0	1	1	2	0

Indonesia withdrew.

SOUTH AMERICA

Group I

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Argentina	2	2	0	0	11	3	4
Ecuador	2	0	0	2	3	11	0

Argentina qualify.

Group II

Uruguay and Bolivia have yet to play.

Group III

Peru and Colombia have yet to play.

Group IV

Paraguay and winners of the Central and North American Zone have yet to play.

AFRICAN ZONE

Section (a)

Sudan. Egypt withdrew.

Section (b)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Morocco	2	1	0	1	3	3	2
Tunisia	2	1	0	1	3	3	2

Morocco and Tunisia have to play-off now.

Section (c)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Ghana	2	1	1	0	6	3	3
Nigeria	2	0	1	1	3	6	1

Ghana and the winner of **Section (b)** will play-off.

CENTRAL AND NORTH AMERICAN ZONE

Section (a)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Mexico	2	1	1	0	6	3	3
United States	2	0	1	1	3	6	1

Section (b)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Costa Rica	4	2	1	1	13	8	5
Honduras	3	1	1	1	3	7	3
Guatemala	3	0	2	1	7	8	2

Section (c)

	P	W	D	L	F	A	Pts.
Antilles	2	1	1	0	2	1	3
Surinam	2	0	1	1	1	2	1

Mexico, Antilles and the winners of **Section (b)** will play-off.

HOW THE 16 FINALISTS WILL LINE-UP

Group 1 (Arica)

May 30	May 31	June 2
a — b	c — d	a — d
June 3	**June 6**	**June 7**
b — c	a — c	b — d

Group 2 (Vina)

May 30	May 31	June 2
e — f	g — h	e — h
June 3	**June 6**	**June 7**
f — g	e — g	f — h

Group 3 (Santiago)

May 30	May 31	June 2
i — j	k — l	i — l
June 3	**June 6**	**June 7**
j — k	i — k	j — l

Group 4 (Rancagua)

May 30	May 31	June 2
m — n	o — p	m — p
June 3	**June 6**	**June 7**
n — o	m — o	n — p

Quarter-finals: June 10 at Arica, Vina, Santiago and Rancagua. **Semi-finals:** June 13 at Vina and Santiago. Match for **third** and **fourth place:** June 16 at Santiago and the **Final:** June 17 at Santiago.

● **The sixteen finalists are lettered from a to p inclusive and the venues are given in parenthesis.**

HAMBURGER FACE TOUGH HOME TEST

England's leading television commentator puts his point of view on the next European Cup-ties

KENNETH WOLSTENHOLME

IF there is one thing I cannot stand about the European Cup it is the long wait between two legs in one round. My nerves were not built for such tension!

Here are English champions Burnley, 3-1 in the lead against Hamburger Sportsverein and poised for possible entry into the semi-final, yet there has been this agonising two months gap between the two legs. And we still have to wait until March 15 to know whether Burnley will equal the feat of reaching the last four, previously achieved by three British teams — Manchester United (twice), Hibernian and Rangers.

Strangely enough, after I had completed the commentary for B.B.C. Television on the first leg at Turf Moor, I received a letter from a gentleman who said I was wrong to suggest that Manchester United had ever been in the semi-final. "Rangers", he wrote, "are the only British club ever to have reached the semi-final of the European Cup".

So in case that gentleman has any allies, let us get the British record straight.

There have been five competitions for the European Cup — this is the sixth — and in only one year (1959) has Britain not been represented in the semi-final.

In 1956 Hibernian were beaten by Stade de Reims; in 1957 Manchester United were beaten by Real Madrid; in 1958 Manchester United lost to Milano; in 1960 Rangers were beaten by Eintracht of Frankfurt.

This season I think Burnley can do it. Without a doubt, Hamburg have a fine side which was not seen at its best in the first leg. Their players did not accustom themselves to the sticky conditions and they were not moving the ball strongly enough. Hence so many of their passes "stuck in the mud".

Hamburg will undoubtedly play much better on March 15, but there are not many sides in Europe who can give Burnley two goals start and a beating — and that is what Hamburg have to do.

There is something about this Burnley side which is so un-British — the ability to rise to the big occasion.

So many English sportsmen fail when the big occasion arises. But with Burnley it is a case of the bigger the occasion the better the performance.

Against Spurs at White Hart Lane they were 0-4 down and heading for a terrible thrashing. Yet they recovered to draw 4-4.

In the second leg of their European Cup tie against Stade de Reims in Paris, they were forced back on the defensive for the entire game. Yet they survived, and their 2-3 defeat in Paris was not sufficient to eliminate them.

Without ever trying to copy anyone, Burnley have successfully adopted those fluid tactics which served Arsenal so well in the 1930's. They can withstand cruel pressure, yet will always look likely to break away and score. They showed that superbly in Paris.

Even against Hamburg there were occasions when it seemed only a matter of time before the Germans scored. Yet Burnley went along calmly even though their post was hit, Blacklaw was being forced to some great saves and they were having to pack their goal to keep out the German shots.

There was never any panic in that Burnley defence, and always the fluidity remained — Burnley could break away in the twinkling of an eye and pile the pressure on at the other end.

Some people have called Burnley a defensive side, but in my book they have been able to achieve their success because of their all-out concentration on attack.

That might seem a strange thing to say about a side that will willingly pack its goal with eight men, but essentially every Burnley player is an attacker. Yet every Burnley player will pick the right time to attack.

When that time comes the attack is mounted suddenly and swiftly and it can start from any of the half-backs or full-backs. There is no such thing as a no-man's-land in the Burnley set-up, and they are the one English club I know with fast, attacking full-backs similar to those of Real Madrid.

It is this Burnley quality that will, I think, see them through. Hamburg's unbeaten league record has now gone (they lost the Sunday following their defeat in Burnley) but they are still a useful side.

But I don't think their defence is good enough against a team like Burnley, and although I am prepared to see the Lancashire lads held to a draw, or even beaten, on the 15th, I do not think Hamburg will get the two-goal lead they need to force a replay, let alone the three goals lead they require to go through to the semi-final.

Host of Surprises

Before Burnley go to Hamburg there will be European Cup matches in Barcelona (against Spartak Kralove of Czechoslovakia) and in Lisbon, where Benifica play Aarhus).

There have been a host of surprises in this season's European Cup matches, but even though Barcelona have slipped alarmingly since they eliminated Real Madrid, I cannot see them failing against the Czechs, who have reached this far by having a walk-over in the Preliminary Round and a narrow 1-0 (in two games) victory over the Greek champions Panathinaikos in the last round.

Aarhus, from Denmark, have been one of the surprise teams. They eliminated Legia of Warsaw and then beat Frederikstadt of Norway, but they can hardly have much hope against Benifica from Lisbon, either in Lisbon on March 8 or in Aarhus on March 30.

Benifica so far have thrashed Hearts (3-0 at home, 2-1 away) and Ujpest of Hungary (6-2 at home, 1-2 away) and must be well fancied to move the trophy across the Spanish border into Portugal.

Struggled so far

The other quarter-final match is between Rapid of Vienna and Malmo of Sweden. The first leg is in Vienna on March 22, the second in Malmo on April 3.

Rapid have struggled to get this far, beating Besiktas of Istanbul (4-0 at home, 0-1 away) and then taking three games to beat the East Germans, Wismut Karl Marx (3-1 at home, 0-2 away in 1-0 in Basle).

Malmo, on the other hand, have eliminated I.F.K. Kamraterna (Finland) 2-1 at home, 3-1 away, and then had a great victory over C.D.N.A. Sofia (1-0 at home, 1-1 away).

They might well shock the Austrians to give us a last four in the European Cup of Barcelona (Spain), Benifica (Portugal), Burnley (England), Malmo (Sweden), none of whom have ever been in a European Cup Final.

KENNETH WOLSTENHOLME WRITES REGULARLY FOR WORLD SOCCER

Special focus by ERIC BATTY

Many believe that Hungary have made an almost complete recovery. Certainly the potential is there, but the promise has yet to be fulfilled . . .

HUNGARY'S FABULOUS FIVE YEAR REIGN

Hungary's young centre-forward Florian Albert leaps high over the head of Scotland's centre-half Bobby Evans in the International at the People's Stadium in June, 1960. It was a 3-3 draw.

FOR an all too brief period during the early 1950's, Hungarian soccer reached a peak of perfection that the game had rarely, if ever, seen before. During five long years they dominated world football, and their brilliant forward play provided a yard-stick by which will be judged great teams of the future.

The record of the Hungarian national team between 1951 and 1955 is staggering. Against the best that the rest of the world could provide they ended their five-year reign with the following figures: Played 47, Won 40, Drawn 6, Lost 1, Goals for 198, against 52.

The one they lost? Tragically, disastrously, and how unjustly, the most important game of all, the 1954 World Cup final.

Some considerable time later I was given an opportunity to discuss the match with a prominent Hungarian coach Geza Kalocsai, who had frequently worked with the national team under the direction of Gustav Szebes. Quite unwittingly, he told me, "We contributed to our defeat by making changes in the team that had beaten Uruguay in the semi-final".

The biggest doubt concerned the fitness of their inside left and captain Ferenc Puskas, who had been injured in a preliminary round match against West Germany and out of action since. Was he fit to play? The doctors said yes, as far as they could tell. Puskas insisted that he was fit and should play and, despite a nagging doubt, Mr. Szebes acceded.

Two other changes were made, both arising from the poor form of outside-right Laszlo Budai, who was felt to be tired after the gruelling games with Brazil and Uruguay. Budai was omitted and Zoltan Czibor changed wings to make room for Toth in his usual place on the left.

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HUNGARIANS CALL HIM THE 'BALLERINA'

He is 21-year-old inside-right Janos Gorocs who has played in the Ujpest Dozsa first team regularly since 1957. His friends call him 'The Ballerina' and he has been selected for special training in readiness for next year's World Cup tournament. Capped sixteen times, Gorocs was a star performer in the bronze-medal winning Olympics team. He played in his first full international against Russia in 1958

Hungary's fabulous five-year reign . . .

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The inclusion of Toth was felt to be a shrewd move. Unlike Czibor, Toth was a worker, always eager for the ball, and with burly outside-right Helmut Rahn considered to be the Germans' danger man it was hoped that Toth, dropping back would help to subdue him.

After the final in which Germany won 3-2 (and Rahn scored two of the goals) it was easy to be wise, but it was generally agreed that there should have been no change from the semi-final XI.

Even after their defeat it was widely acknowledged that Hungary were still the best team in the world — surely sufficient testimony to the fact that they were a truly outstanding combination.

The Kocsis, Hidegkuti, Puskas team did not develop by chance but was the result of a great deal of hard work by dozens of well trained and enthusiastic coaches — backed by a ministry of sports, eager for international success and determined to provide the necessary financial resources.

A clue to the secret (if it is a secret) of the Hungarinan success lies perhaps in the high percentage of first class players who take up coaching after their active careers are ended. In practically every country where the game is played there are Hungarian coaches all preaching the same gospel that was handed down to them in Budapest " Don't kick it, push it, think what you are doing, and off the field, practice, practice, practice ".

Between the two world wars the Hungarians produced many outstanding players and were more than usually successful. In 1934 they beat the old masters England 2-1 in Budapest, and in the World Cup of the same year they reached the quarter final before being eliminated 2-1 by the Austrian " Wunderteam ".

The 1938 World Cup saw Hungary reach the final only to lose 4-2 to Italy, but all these events seem to have been forgotten or overlooked during the last ten years.

Many of the world's top players have originated fom Hungary. Alfred Schaffer, the " Fussballkonig " football king of the 1920's who later coached in Austria, Rumania, Italy and Germany where he died in 1945; Georgy Orth one of the best players MTK have ever had and who since 1930 has roamed the world as a coach through Italy, Germany, France, Chile, Argentina, Mexico (five years), and now Peru, where he has been national coach since 1954. Bukovi, Mandl, Kalmar, Zsengeller, Baroti, Guttman an almost never ending list — Sarosi who played 40 times for Hungary in six different positions — all successful coaches who have made a tremendous contribution to the development of football as the world game.

Outwardly at least, Hungarian domestic football is organised on orthodox lines. Their national league has been in existence since 1901, and the season begins in April and usually ends around the end of November. The number of players registered with the FA has grown from 15,000 in 1939 to almost 100,000 today, and as interest has increased so facilities for training and playing have been provided. Budapest, for example, with a population of about 1½ million possesses more than 1,400 sports grounds, all backed by the government.

At the highest level in the national league each of the clubs has its own stadium though most of them cannot cater for very large crowds. Vasas for example are limited to 20,000, Ujpest 55,000, MTK 40,000, Ferencvaros 50,000 while in the provincial towns like Szeged and Tatabanya have even smaller grounds. All, however, can and do make use of the Nepstadion in Budapest for their most attractive matches and there, crowds of up to 110,000 can be accommodated.

Over the years MTK have been the most successful club. They have been champions 18 times, though as they have changed their name almost as often as they have been champions their record is difficult to trace in the record books. At various times they have been known as MTK, Hungaria FC, Textilesek, Bastya, Voros Loboga (Red Banner) and now once more since 1956 MTK — Magyar Testgyakorlok Koere. Running them close, and probably more popular at the moment are FTC — Ferencvaros. They have 17 championships to their credit, and for a while after the war they too changed their name. FTC's temporarily adopted title was Kinizsi so called after an old Magyar hero of the Hungarian-Turkish war. While MTK have fallen into decline at the moment Ferencvaros seem to be the team of the next decade.

Runners-up last season, they have a good young side with several well-known international players, Matrai and Dalnoki in defence, Orosz, Rakosi and Fenyvesi in attack and perhaps the most promising of all 19-year-old centre-forward Florian Albert.

At eighteen, Gustav Szebes said of Albert, he is already a fine technician, and in my opinion is even more intelligent than Puskas was at his age.

While MTK and FTC have dominated the national league, neither of them has captured the interest of the rest of the world as did Honved during the period of Hungarian supremacy.

Honved were artificially created when the Hungarian Army sports club was formed in 1945. The Ministry of Sport cast about for a suitable club that the Army could adopt and finally they settled on Kispest. Renamed Honved, the army took over everything, and among the players already with Kispest were two teenagers called Bozsik and Puskas.

In practically every country where the game is played there are Hungarian coaches preaching the gospel

The rest of their players were recruited from other clubs. Kocsis, Czibor and Budai for example were drafted into the Army (and Honved) much to the dismay of their former club Ferencvaros, but by gathering outstanding players into one team, the FA had a ready made nucleus for the national side. In the circumstances it was not surprising that Honved should be the top team in the years between 1950 and 1955. Five times they were champions during that period yet though they had Bozsik, Kocsis, Puskas, Czibor, Grosics, Budai and Lorant, all more or less regulars in the great international team MTK often ran them close and actually stole the title from them twice.

MTK or Red Banner as they were called then had several top class players themselves Hidegkuti (a big brain), Palotas, Lantos, Geller, Sandor and Zakarias all of whom played many times for Hungary.

When the civil uprising occurred in 1956, Hungarian football was going through a difficult period. The national team had suffered several reverses and many critics had written them off. That they could and probably would have recovered is indicated by the brilliant form produced by Puskas, Kocsis and Czibor with the Spanish clubs Real Madrid and CF Barcelona, but their departure left Hungary without adequate replacements in the inside forward positions.

With the 1958 World Cup only eighteen months away the Hungarians could do little more than improvise, and when the series was played no one in Budapest expected their team to go beyond the quarter finals.

In Sweden they put up a poor performance — the decisive play-off with Wales was a wretched affair from the Magyars' point of view, but since then they have been slowly rebuilding and blooding a great many youngsters.

Many people on the continent believe that the Hungarians have made an almost complete recovery, but with this I cannot agree at all. Certainly the potential is there in the present XI, but the best has yet to come.

Lajos Baroti, manager of Hungary's national team, has named 25 players who will form the selected pool for this year's international and World Cup matches.

Among them are five players who have not so far played in full internationals, though two of these — Antal Szentmihalyi and Kalman Meszoly — were members of Hungary's Olympic pool last year.

Goalkeepers: Grosics, Szentmihalyi, Torok. Full-backs: Matrai, Sipos, Sarosi, Rajna, Meszoly, Sovari. Half-backs: Solymosi, Kotasz, Palotai, Borsanyi, Bundzsak. Forwards: Sandor, Gorocs, Albert, Tichy, Fenyvesi, Kunarszky, Vasas, Machos, Monostori II, Taliga and Bodor.

Hungarian champions since the war:

1945 Ujpest Dozsa	1953 MTK
1946 Ujpest Dozsa	1954 Honved
1947 Ujpest Dozsa	1955 Honved
1948 Csepel	1956 not finished
1949 Ferencvaros	1957 Vasas
1950 (spring) Honved	1958 MTK
1950 (autumn) Honved	1959 Csepel
1951 MTK	1960 Ujpest Dozsa
1952 Honved	1961

TOP MAGYARS IN ACTION

ABOVE: action from a Hungarian League match between Csepel and M.T.K. Csepel outside-right Satori (in dark striped shirt) bursts through the M.T.K. defence having successfully leapt over the outstretched foot of internationalist Sipos. In this particular instance, Satori's long-range shot went wide of the goal, but his side eventually won 2-1.

ABOVE: a close thing. Ujpest Dozsa goalkeeper Horvath flings himself at the feet of the leaping Rakosi who is the inside-forward for Ferencvaros. Horvath was successful in smothering this attempt, but he was beaten once later on in Ferencvaros' one-nil victory at the Nepstadion, in a thrilling First Division match.

THE SHY STARS OF

***GUY MILLS** turns his attention to the similarities to be found in three top world players*

PERSONALITY — which Scott Fitzgerald described as an "unbroken series of successful gestures" — is a fascinating aspect of any group of football players. Luis Suarez' election as European Footballer of the Year reminds me that the Spanish player belongs to that type both shy and sensitive, yet with the high-stepping temper of, say a racing thoroughbred

In this, he has similarity with his fellow Spanish international Alfredo di Stefano and, indeed, with England's Bobby Charlton. None of them is at home in a crowd; each of them can be wonderfully agreeable company when in a group of just two or three people; each of them, too, tends to make his life and fame a solitary experience and does not make friends easily.

I have just heard a little from Suarez about his life and outlook which seems to bear out this "typing".

From what this slim youngster of 25 has to say, he would seem to be a natural pessimist! He considers that the Spanish team he led out at Wembley to be beaten by England did not have the correct state of mind. "I led a tired team on to the field that day. Not so much tired in body, but tired in spirit — wearied, perhaps, by too much football", he admits. His team, he says, felt it would lose.

Still on the subject of confidence, Suarez tells me — about those European Cup-ties in early 1960 — "I went on to the field myself feeling rather nervous about the famous Wolves. I'm sure, too, most of my team-mates were wondering how to deal with their strong, direct method of attack". Had Wolves scored first, instead of Barcelona, Suarez thinks the English club could have won through — on the account of confidence!

This is not undue modesty, I think. Suarez is still mastering his trade. He is not yet at home with the mysteries of the game in its highest reaches, and is, perhaps, too ready to feel abashed by the big challenge. Perhaps that is a healthy part of his development, for certainly he can go to the other extreme in relatively unimportant matches.

I remember Barcelona's visit to England to play Newcastle at the season's start. Suarez was simply "goal hanging" for the first half-hour, when Newcastle shot into a deserved three-goal lead. He looked so disinterested it was barely true! But from that point on, he played — and how he played! — for the Spanish team to finally win 4-3.

Ljobida Brosic, his club's coach, only grinned when I raised the matter with him. "Suarez thought it would be too easy", he said, "He needs to think the worst before he plays his best . . ."

Suarez lives quietly, in a bachelor flat — and has eaten almost every main meal in his seven years in Barcelona at the restaurant opposite!

Single and prosperous, he now has business interests, but football still devours his every waking moment, almost. It must be satisfying for the Spanish authorities to at last have a non-imported, purely Spanish player heading the rankings at long last!

It is interesting to compare the standard of living clearly enjoyed by Suarez with that of the forward ranked third behind him, West Germany's Uwe Seeler, whose club, Hamburg S.V., proved somewhat disappointing at Turf Moor, Burnley, in January's European Cup-tie.

Seeler's football wages are just 100 marks (£8) a week, augmented by his work in the office of a timber merchant. He digs his own garden, and frets over a mortgage on his little house in the city outskirts: Seeler, a blond, stubby man, is not even keen to play full-time soccer, and the West German ban on defections to foreign clubs until late 1962 worries him not at all.

Like most German players, Seeler trains only two nights a week. Yet this system has given Germany the World Cup in 1954 and third place in 1958. When a re-organised English Football League starts shouting, in the lower reaches, that they just cannot support full-time professionalism in the new no-maximum era, let them think of Germany's example. It seems to work!

Seeler, to me, belongs to a more common personality type, the breezy and well-adjusted, in the manner of Just Fontaine, Tom Finney and Jimmy Greaves.

Indeed, it is astonishing how many of the English stars are, in fact, well-adjusted to their way of life, in spite of dissatisfactions with their contracts, wages and so forth! Even in the days of injustice, now happily coming to an end, they clearly would have liked no other life but football.

They are, one could quote, "Exceeding pleasant in their ways" and far less full of their own problems than other people! When congratulating Maurice Setters, sometime "Stormy Petrel" of West Bromwich Albion, on his appointment as Manchester United captain — a wholly respectable, Olympian position for any footballer with a heart — the extent of his emotion was surprising.

"The real honour is knowing that a man like Matt Busby has confidence in me", said Maurice. "And when I think of some of the great players I'm succeeding, I just can't put my feelings into words. No other honour can ever equal this for me, it's a moment that's made my career."

I venture to think such loyalty and dedication is general, and will help the game weather the times of change just ahead. We tend to under-rate the real human quality

ONLY BIRMINGHAM

Birmingham City goalkeeper Colin Withers (right) seems to have established himself this season as the English club's senior choice. (P.N.L.)

LET us bring you up to date on the International Industries Fair Inter-Cities Cup, better known to everyone as the "Inter-Cities Fairs Cup".

Actually, the "Cities" link is becoming less prominent with each successive competition, and a single club representing a city rather than a representative eleven from all the clubs in a city, becomes the pattern (writes Gordon Jeffery).

The current tournament is the third and, unlike the first which stretched over three years from June, 1955, and the second which encroached into two years, it is expected to be completed within a year by working to the following timetable :

Preliminary (first round) matches to be completed by the end of October, 1960. Quarter Final matches to be completed by the end of February, 1961. Semi-final matches to be completed by April, 15th.

ARE THROUGH TO THE SEMI-FINALS STAGE

1961, and the Final matches to be played by the end of May, 1961.

The holders, Barcelona, are the club most likely to run into fixture trouble, with European Cup commitments in addition. But they have played the first leg of their Quarter-final with Hibernian and fixed the return date in Edinburgh. Hibs' draw in Barcelona was the biggest surprise of the competition to date.

Birmingham have an excellent record in the contest and their overall victory over Ujpest of Hungary was not wholly unexpected, but their win in Budapest was a splendid performance: the Hungarians' first home defeat by a foreign club in many years. But it is the Milan club, Internazionale, who may have the last word in deciding the destination of the Cup this year!

Now follow the trend of home and away events from the table on the right. It brings you right up to date in the tournament.

Keep these pages by you and when the results of the forthcoming Inter Cities Fairs Cup matches are made known, fill in the respective round winners in the spaces provided and keep the path to the final comprehensively recorded.

Below: THE PATH TO THE SEMI-FINAL STAGE AT TIME OF WRITING

1st ROUND		QUARTER-FINALS	SEMI-FINALS	
BARCELONA / ZAGREB	4-3, 1-1 (Agg. 5-4)	BARCELONA	4-4	..... ——
HIBERNIAN / LAUSANNE	Lausanne Withdrew	HIBERNIAN		
COLOGNE / OLYMPIC LYONS	2-1, 3-1 (Agg. 5-2)	COLOGNE	8-2	..... ——
ROME / UNION ST. GILLOISE	4-1, 0-0 (Agg. 4-1)	ROME		
INTER (Milan) / HANOVER	8-2, 6-1 (Agg. 14-3)	INTER		..... ——
BELGRADE / LEIPZIG	4-1, 2-5, 2-0 (Play-off was in Budapest)	BELGRADE		
COPENHAGEN / BASLE	8-1, 3-3 (Agg. 11-4)	COPENHAGEN	4-4, 0-5 (Agg. 4-9)	BIRMINGHAM
BIRMINGHAM / UJPEST	3-2, 2-1 (Agg. 5-3)	BIRMINGHAM		

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of English players, and not allow, I think, that in the important things they are often far more responsible than men in higher positions in the game.

Manchester United's Maurice Setters joined the English First Division team from West Bromwich Albion and is feeling highly honoured at his appointment as captain. (P.A.I.)

Most enterprising team in the Italian First Division right now is little Catania, who have captured the headlines over Roma, Internazionale, Juventus and Fiorentina — and they have no Swedes, Argentinians, Brazilians or Uruguayans to help them do it. Wilfred Schumacher reports.

ITALY'S SHOCK ELEVEN

THE Italian supporter did not own a car: he was a man of humble means and he came from the town of Catania. It is not situated on the "boot" of the Italian peninsular but on the "ball" island of Sicily, at the foot of the vulcano of Etna.

He was a supporter of the local team who were playing away to Naples in the Italian First Division. It was a long journey from Catania to Naples and his only means of transport was a bicycle. Undetered by the distance, he cycled on and on for three days and much of the nights, and he was rewarded for his Herculian effort: Catania won 1-0, despite having lost two of their star players through injury.

Like the lava which flows slowly but surely from mount Etna, AC Catania has fought its way nearer and nearer to the big guns of Italy. Indeed, the most enterprising team of the current season is Catania; they have captured the biggest headlines over Roma, Internazionale, Juventus and Fiorentina — and they have no Swedes, Argentinians, Brazilians or Uruguayans to help them do it.

Catania are already being hailed as likely outsiders for the Italian title, yet their players are comparative unknowns. If there is any secret of their success then it must lie in the fact that Catania are all Italians. Just as with Spain's Atletico Madrid where there are only Basks, the Italian club refuse to play foreigners: possibly because of a fiercely partizanship which exists there but also because their funds will not run to big-money purchases.

Trainer Di Bella told *WORLD SOCCER* of the intense comradeship that exists among his players: of the will to show that a pure Italian-bred eleven can match the might of the imported Swedes and South Americans.

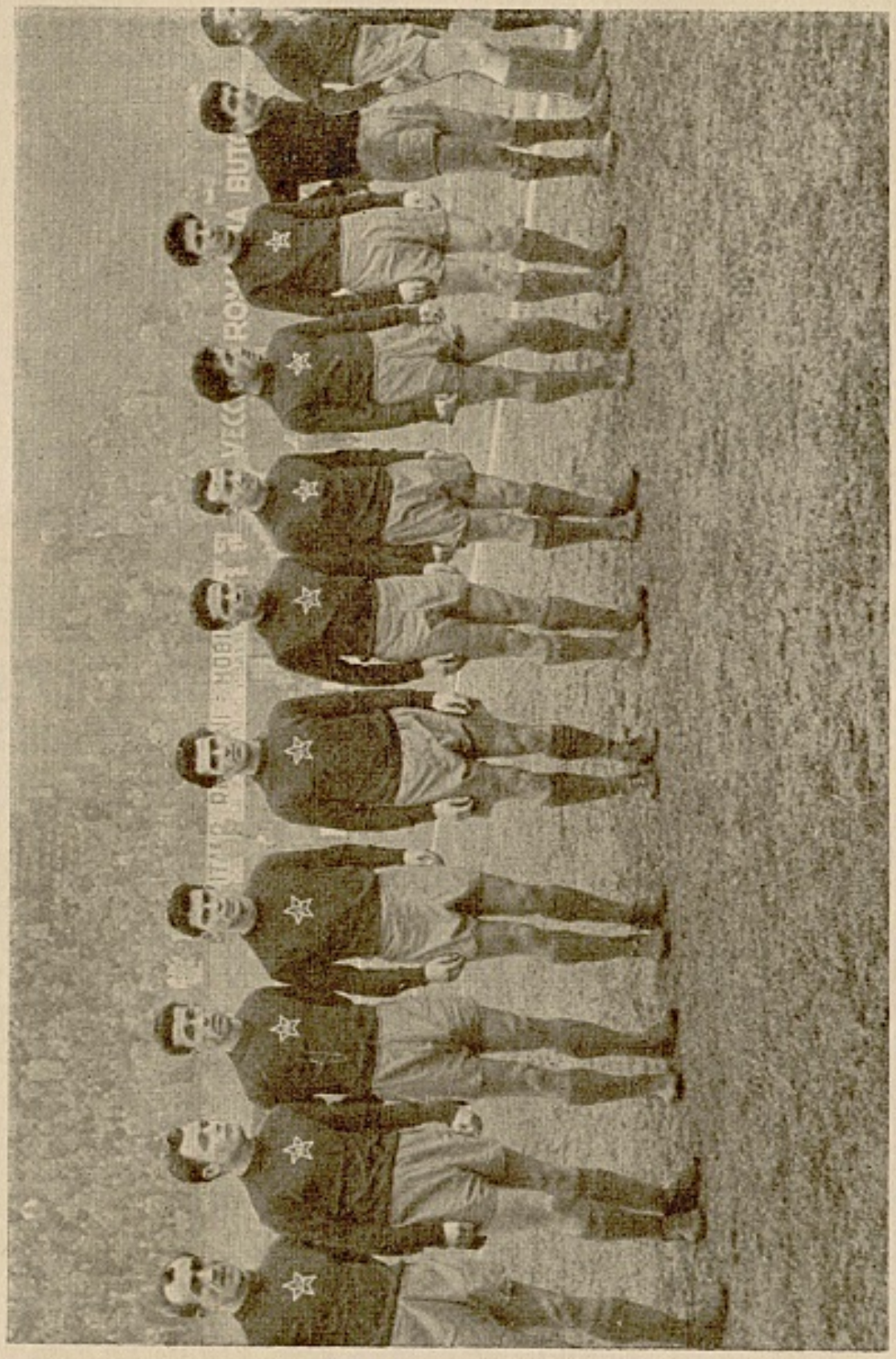
He hopes that, if Italy is to avoid the shame of both the 1954 and 1958 World Cup teams, the selectors will concentrate mainly on local-born stars for the future and in this respect he ear-marks some of his own outstanding men: goalkeeper Gaspari, half-backs Corti and Ferretti and outside-left Morelli.

On the last Sunday in January, the first half of the Italian championship was completed and, at that stage, Internazionale of Milan held a three-point lead over local rivals AC Milan. Internazionale is the hobby-horse of the petroleum millionaire Moratti, and a profitable one at that. Gate-money for the year promises to reach £300,000 and the average number of spectators is 40,000.

Moratti plans to spend a further £40,000 on new players and will doubtless hand over a dream sum to the club coach "Signor H.H.", popular nick-name of the Franco-Argentinian Helenio Herrara, formerly of FC Barcelona. We all recall that "H.H.", following two defeats versus Real Madrid, had to pack his trunks in Barcelona, and he went to Internazionale for the fantastic daily fee of seventy pounds.

His great aim is for Internazionale to win the championship and, later, the European Cup, preferably, if that comes about, by a victory over a Spanish club. Thus the first half of the first step is done; but there is still a long way to go.

C.C.A. (Rumania)



C.C.A. RUMANIA — left to right : Vasile Zavoda, Constantin Dragomirescu, Francisc Zavoda, Emerich Jenei, Stefan Onisie, Nicolae Tataru, Constantin Cacoveanu, Ion Alexandrescu, Gheorghe Constantin, Ion Vlonescu and Alexandru Apolzan. CCA have been national champions in 1951, 1952, 1953, 1957 and 1959. They won the RPR Cup in 1949, 1950, 1951, 1952 and 1956.

Like the ten green bottles, Scotland's powerful personalities seem to be falling, says ***K. MONTGOMERY***

GIANT MOULD EMPTY

WHAT has become of that hitherto abundant supply of personalities in Scottish football? Where are those colourful characters, once so plentiful, who, by their sheer individual brilliance could brighten the wildest of Scotland's wintry soccer Saturdays? There was once a time — and it was not so long ago — when every club from the land o' the kilt could boast at least one soccer celebrity on its playing staff. Alas, like the ten green bottles these wonderful, crowd-pleasing performers seem one by one to be falling away. And as each one goes graciously out, so does the Scottish soccer scene become that little bit poorer for their departure.

Admittedly, such colourful entertainers as "cheeky" Charlie Tully, Celtic's twinkle-toed Irishman with the permanent glint in his eye, are not born every few seasons. Nor is the game likely to be blessed with many footballers in the giant mould of Scotland's former skipper, George Young. There will probably never be another "Rock o' the north" — or, for that matter, another centre-half with the same ice-cool approach to the game as Andy Paton, Motherwell's prince of ball-playing pivots.

And will the fan in Auld Scotia ever see another centre quite the equal of "bustling" Billy Houliston of Queen of the South, or such a master in the art of sneaking vital late goals as the great Laurie "last minute" Reilly, of Hibernian fame?

Where, too, could one hope to find another full-back with the same grim determination to succeed as that possessed by the never-to-be-forgotten Ranger, Jock "Tiger" Shaw?

All these questions have but one answer — Scotland simply isn't producing the football characters nowadays! True, there are many fine youngsters in Scotland but none of them possesses that flair for the unexpected, that natural showmanship that so delights the terracing connoisseur.

Clubs are, of course, more concerned with finding eleven players who can blend effectively into one machine-precise unit. But what a much more profitable machine if it produced just a few of the high-class soccer goods as purveyed by such "greats" as Tully, Young or Reilly. Fortunately, however, the day has not yet come when Scotland has been robbed completely of its last few rare, genuine soccer diamonds.

Although almost in the "luxury class", there are still a few of these precious gems left to brighten the dull carbon of everyday League football: four, in all, of the real old-world characters whose talents, alas, must be divided around the 18 First Division grounds in the country.

First of the four is, so to speak, Scotland's first gentleman of soccer—the gay Gordon Smith, now of Hearts, one-time of Hibs and an ex-Scotland skipper. A player who, since his first game for Hibernian in the middle 1940's has at all times been a football craftsman, Smith has the glorious elegance of movement one associates at all times with a true thoroughbred.

In second place comes the burly Jimmy Brown, a real soccer intellectual rated by many as the finest "uncapped" player in Britain. This scarlet-clad evergreen, ever resplendent in his immaculate jockey caps, sweaters and shorts, has for almost 20 years been guarding in turn the goals of Hearts, Kilmarnock and St. Mirren.

The Peter Pan of Scotland's football stadiums, Brown demonstrates his authority as team captain with vocally demonstrative frequency — yet never do his "crew" resent their skipper's instructions, knowing that it will be to their own benefit if they are successfully carried out.

Our "Third man", in more than one sense, is that loveable and, at times infuriating Joe McInnes, of Third Lanark. A real jack-in-the-box winger, he knows almost every trick of the trade he has graced for around 10 years.

And Joseph has, in his time, worn coats of many colours — or rather the varied and colourful strips of Kilmarnock, Clyde, Partick Thistle and Accrington Stanley, before becoming one of George Young's Cathkin Park "Warriors". Ball-juggler McInnes has already tabled five transfer requests this season. It is hardly surprising, however, that each one has been rejected. Where else would the Third Lanark Board of Directors be likely to find a player to take the merry Mac's place?

And so to the last of Auld Scotia's soccer celebrities, Kilmarnock's Andy Kerr. Currently appearing at centre-forward with the Ayrshire side, "Handy Andy", as he was tagged in his early Senior days, is yet another player who has moved around a bit since he was introduced to Britain's football public. For many years a Partick Thistle stalwart, he played full-back, wing-half, centre-half and centre-forward for the Firhill side and also represented Scotland and the Scottish League in several positions.

If anything, he is possibly the greatest character of the quartette for, after being transferred from Partick to Manchester City for around £12,000 in 1959, it looked as if he would be allowed to slip quietly out of the game after only a few short months in English First League football.

"Too slow", wailed the Maine Road fans. "He'll never make the grade in England." And so Kerr found himself out of City's League side — out of their plans, it seemed. But along came his "fairy godfather" — manager Willie Waddell of Kilmarnock. For only half what City paid Partick for his services, Mr. Waddell brought Kerr back to Rugby Park, back, indeed, to his ain folk in Ayrshire.

Fielded at centre, Kerr hardly took Kilmarnock by storm in his first few matches. Indeed, there was the occasional outburst of barracking. But all that is behind him now. In the last few months, the heather has literally burned up under his goal-scoring feet — and feats. He is well on the way to setting up a new club scoring record.

Yes, indeed, in less than twelve months, Kerr, the man they labelled "too slow" to be a success in English soccer, has become the ace in Kilmarnock's pack. A real trump card in any game, the wily Kerr's virtuosity makes him quite the outstanding centre-forward. Nowhere could one hope to see a more fluently versatile performer than he. In many ways a one-man-band, the delightfully unorthodox Kerr can, however, blend most effectively with his fellow players, although it is when performing solo that he is at his most tantalisingly effective.

He can, one minute, lay on the celebrated "defence-splitting" pass with spectacular precision and next moment be helping to clear an attack on his own goal. Capable of scoring the almost impossible-type goal, he is just as likely to miss the simplest of scoring opportunities. Such a player is Andy Kerr, King of Scotland's goal-scoring forwards and the reigning monarch among his country's true soccer characters. And he occupies the throne quite legally. He is not a usurper occupying a throne which should seat some better man. His claim to the title, "King Kerr", is substantially honest and honestly substantial. Alas, he is one of the last of the great line of Scots footballing characters.

Yet there are excellent soccer seedlings as Baker (Hibernian), Wilson (Rangers) and Cooke (Aberdeen), already firmly rooted in their respective club first eleven's.

Former Scottish international inside-forward Willie Fernie (right) rejoined Celtic from English League club Middlesbrough last October for a five-figure fee. (Photo: Larkin.)

Djalal Rassouli (seen on the left), 23-year-old centre-forward of the Persian national team, has been interviewed for WORLD SOCCER on this page. This photograph was taken before the Persia-Pakistan international in the 1959 Asian Games competition in India.

RICH IN OIL-AND PROMISE

Persian national centre-forward Djalal Rassouli is interviewed by **WILFRED SCHUHMACHER**

IT'S a small world. That popular term has never been more true in regard to football. Such is the insatiable appetite of the twentieth century enthusiast that even the most humble of countries is not allowed to pass unexamined.

Take Persia, for example. What does the rest of the world know of this rich, oil-filled land? It rarely finds the headlines outside of political and royal incidents.

The other day, I was talking with Djalal Rassouli, 23-year-old centre-forward of Persia's national football side. He is studying at the Technical University of Zurich, and hopes to become a sports trainer in his own country later.

Here was a golden opportunity to glean just a little additional information about Persian soccer, for all the record books tell us is that the national association was founded in 1922; that there are around 180 clubs in operation and that its 3,000-odd players are strictly amateur.

"That's true", admitted Rassouli. "We are all amateurs, many like myself, are students, others are soldiers. Our teams are divided into four geographical groups, rather like West Germany. The champions of these groups play-off at the end of the season to see which of them becomes the overall title holders."

The most popular team in Persia is Taj Teheran. "Taj" means "the crown of the Shah" and in every city there is a team with that prefix. The Shah is also the figure-head (chairman, if you like) of all "Taj" teams, and a secretary-general is appointed to care for their affairs.

Persia might still be a tiny member of the world's footballing family, nevertheless it is a country bursting with big ambitions for the future. Former Hungarian international player Mesaros has undertaken the training of the Persian national side (colours: green shirts, white shorts), and the first notable success came at the end of 1959: Persia won second place behind Israel in the Asian Games, held in India.

More and more foreign clubs will be invited to play in Persia now that the Teheran Stadium will, when completed in a few months, hold 100,000 people, comfortably. However, to set the ball rolling, Liga Deportiva Alajuelense of Costa Rica, defeated Taj Teheran 4-2 last month.

I asked Djalal Rassouli why it was that, since he has been living in Zurich since May, 1960, he has not joined a Swiss club.

"Well, for one thing, I have to attend almost twenty hours each week in sport at the University and, on top of that, there are my studies in Anatomy, psychology and physiology. I'm usually very glad to get to bed in the evenings. There is another reason, perhaps I am not good enough for the Swiss teams."

He is too modest. He has played one game in Switzerland when, because he is a student, he turned out for the evangelic Theological Faculty of the Zurich University. Observers tell me his technique and his opportunist shooting at goal was attractive and entertaining. By this yardstick, Persia is not lacking in enthusiasm and could easily come more into the news stories.

Present chief difficulties concern the geographical position of the country, a fact affecting all Asian countries, and the lack of regular international competition. Once these are broken down by the mere effect of progress, then Persia can look forward to participating in top world soccer affairs without fear of disgrace or humiliation.

FACTS AND FIGURES

The writers and experts have made their yearly awards to the top teams and players of 1960. ***GORDON JEFFERY*** *reports*

A CRITICAL GLANCE AT THE TOP-PLAYER RATINGS

THE season of annual awards has passed. The last one was the Golden Hats Award for 1960. Top people in six fields of endeavour — government and business, international society, television, singers, films and theatre were awarded "golden hats".

There was a remote football connection — the winner of the theatre section was Fontaine. Joan not Juste, however, but I suppose it was the name that trapped me into reading the news item.

And football, of course, has been caught up in this end-of-the-year award fashion. The turn-of-the-year gave every critic the chance to follow the drama, theatre and book critics in reviewing the past twelve months. For me, I read what the critics wrote and attempted this analysis.

The most publicised of the European football polls is the one conducted by "France Football", the weekly journal of the French sporting daily paper, L'Equipe. It is not based on one man's opinion nor on a mass (inevitably uninformed) vote but — as Kenneth Wolstenholme explained in last month's WORLD SOCCER — of the votes cast by a leading football critic of each of nineteen different European countries in favour of the five players, in order of merit, they considered the best in Europe. These, in other words, are the men who have had the most opportunities of seeing European football **as a whole** but, as one critic at least — the Russian — implied, it is doubtful if any one of them had awareness of all the leading players of every one of the nineteen countries represented by a critic — not to mention the countries left out like Denmark, Scotland and Norway for example.

What seems more likely is not so much that the critics see footballers foreign to them playing in their "home" countries but that they see the most-travelled players from other countries! And — to quote from Kenneth Wolstenholme's article of last month — "sometimes, no doubt, views are coloured by loyalties".

Here, in fact, is how the selections of the 19 critics break down into the countries in which they play. (Some critics made two selections tie for 5th place and therefore show six selections.)

	A	Bul.	E	F	WG.	H	It.	Sp.	Rus.	Y
Austria	1	–	1	–	1	–	–	2	–	–
Belgium	–	–	1	–	–	–	1	3	–	–
Bulgaria	–	–	–	1	1	–	1	1	1	–
Czecho'vakia	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	2	1	–
England	–	–	–	1	–	–	2	3	–	–
France	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	3	1	–
W. Germany	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	3	–	–
Greece	–	–	–	–	2	–	–	3	–	–
Hungary	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	1	1	1
Italy	1	1	1	–	1	–	–	1	–	1
Netherlands	–	–	2	–	–	–	1	2	–	–
Poland	–	1	1	–	–	–	–	2	1	–
Portugal	–	–	1	1	1	–	–	1	–	1
Spain	–	–	–	–	1	–	–	4	–	–
Sweden	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	2	1	–
Switzerland	–	–	–	–	1	–	1	3	–	–
Turkey	–	–	–	1	–	–	1	3	–	–
U.S.S.R.	–	–	1	1	–	1	–	–	1	1
Yugoslavia	–	–	1	–	–	1	–	2	–	1

A—Austria Bul.—Bulgaria E—England F—France
WG.—West Germany H—Hungary It.—Italy
Sp.—Spain Rus.—U.S.S.R. Y—Yugoslavia

Briefly digested — 10 countries are represented by "star" players but by no means all of these were picked by the critic of their own country. English Football League players were mentioned by 8 foreign critics for example — but not by the English critic whose choice was 3 for Spain, 2 Italy and 1 France. The Italian critic, on the other hand, listed one a piece from West Germany, Spain, England, Austria, Yugoslavia and Bulgaria — but 8 other critics shared the English inclusion of at least one Italian League player! And, similarly, although the Polish critic shared the Italian's respect for the play of the Bulgarian, Kolev, the Bulgarian critic passed him by and plumped for one each from West Germany, Spain, France, Italy and the U.S.S.R.

The French and Hungarian critics were others who ignored their own players — or rather did not consider even one of them in Europe's "top five", whilst foreign critics nominated them.

All of which could mean that the more you see of a player the less highly you are likely to rate him, or conversely that you are likely to overrate a player you see only rarely! (If you see him on an "off" day you may remain puzzled for seasons that he continues to get "rave" notices!)

It remains possible that some critics felt nervous of boosting their own players but

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Raymond Kopa of Reims demonstrates his skill and prowess in the series of actions below. One of France's most capped current internationals, he has earned the admiration of soccer connoisseurs on the continent.

WHO IS THE TOP EUROPEAN PLAYER OVER THE P

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no such inhibitions or thoughts of modesty affected the West German and Spanish critics. The former's choice was 2 from West Germany and 3 from Spain and the latter's 4 from Spain and 1 from West Germany — perhaps he felt it was only a matter of time before the German, Uwe Seeler, was lured into Spanish football!

Oddly, in view of Luis Suarez's overwhelming majority vote, the Spanish critic did not place him first but Gento whom he described as the No. 1 sprinter of football — a comment that would, I think, appeal greatly to the editors of "France Football's" rivals, "Miroir du Football" who might query whether the poll was for the best footballers or the fastest runners.

"Miroir du Football" have this year set out their own rating but before considering these, another glance at the previous "France Football" polls and an Italian list might be instructive. The fluctuating position of some players over the five-year period of the "France Football" poll confirms my view that the "stay-at-home" players are virtually non-starters. That Yachin the Russian goalkeeper has returned to the 5th place he first held in 1956 after having fallen lower in previous years, is due not to any fluctuations in his own form but to his appearances in Paris last summer with the U.S.S.R. team winners of the European Nations Cup. That Simonsson who first entered the rankings last year in 5th place when Sweden were riding high, is now down to 21st is due to his present sheltered existence on the substitutes' bench for Real Madrid.

But there are few surprises in the "Top Twelve" over the past five years, although had Di Stefano been fit and considered in 1958, and Puskas qualified in 1957 and 1958, Di Stefano would have been in front of Kopa and Puskas of John Charles. But — as the following table shows these four emerge as clear leaders.

THE TOP TWELVE EUROPEAN PLAYERS
Over the past five years

(Players no longer in regular play and players not listed in either of the past two seasons have been ignored. Points have been awarded on basis of 12 for 1st ranking, 11 for 2nd, etc., down to 1 for 12th place.)

	1956	1957	1958	1959	1960	Total
1. KOPA	10	10	12	11	7	50
2. DI STEFANO	11	12	—	12	9	44
3. CHARLES	—	7	9	[illegible]	6	32
4. PUSKAS	9	—	—	[illegible]	11	26
5. SUAREZ	—	—	0	9	12	21
6. YACHIN	8	2	0	2	[illegible]	20
7. SZYMANIAK	—	0	5	3	4	[illegible]
8. SEELER	—	—	—	0	10	10
9. GENTO	—	1	1	5	2	9
10. HAMRIN	—	0	9	—	0	9
11. SIMONSSON	—	—	—	8	0	8
12. CHARLTON	—	—	—	—	6	6

(— signifies not listed; 0 signifies listed but below 12th place)

It is significant that the "big four", Suarez in 5th place and, indeed, the whole twelve with the exception of Yachin and Szymaniak, are forwards. It is true that forwards count for nearly half of a team but a clear weakness of these attempts to pick the **best players** is that they become in reality selections of the most **conspicuous players.** It goes with the growing tendency to adulate the star, the individual player, until of the 26 players nominated in this year's poll, two are goalkeepers (likewise a conspicuous position), two (Szymaniak and Hanappi) are half-backs — and 22 are forwards!

I feel that "France Football" themselves were very conscious of the shortcomings of such a result because their breakdown of the 26 players is two goalkeepers, **four half-backs,** and 20 forwards. The difference between their breakdown and mine is that I do not accept that Sekularac and Hof were nominated as half-backs! In fact the Portuguese critic who nominated Sekularac (under a cloud at the moment in his native Yugoslavia) put as his reason for selection that Sekularac played in every forward position and Hof has played this year regularly at either centre-forward or inside-right for Austria. (He is probably their top goal-scorer for the 1960 internationals but I have not checked this.) Even Hanappi, although properly a half-back, played inside-right in the national team's earlier matches — he scored twice against Scotland.

But let the wing-halves carry on controlling the outcome of a match by their mid-field activity — if you want to be Europe's Footballer of the Year you must be a forward!

The Italian sporting weekly "Il Calcio e il Ciclismo" appreciates that point. Their list — selected by themselves and not, Europe-wise, as "France Football's" — whilst not so representatively selected does consist of the players they think the best in different positions. Actually 59 players are listed but I think that the list was perhaps hastily made and at least three players — Hanappi (at wing-half), Angelillo and John Charles (forwards) — mentioned with the listed players in the commentary seem to have been inadvertently omitted. At any rate I have included them in the following country-by-country breakdown of "Il Calcio's" choice. The selection you will notice was not confined to Europe.

	GK	FB	CB	WH	F	T
Argentina	1	–	1	–	3	5
Austria	–	–	1	1	–	2
Brazil	1	1	2	2	5	11
Bulgaria	–	–	1	–	1	2
Czechoslovakia	–	1	–	1	–	2
England	–	1	1	1	2	5
France	–	–	–	1	–	1
W. Germany	–	–	1	1	1	3
Hungary	1	–	1	–	1	3
N. Ireland	1	–	–	1	–	2
Italy	1	2	–	–	5	8
Peru	–	–	–	1	–	1
Spain	1	1	–	–	4	6
Sweden	–	–	–	1	1	2
Uruguay	–	1	–	1	1	3
U.S.S.R.	1	–	–	1	–	2
Yugoslavia	1	1	–	1	1	4
	8	8	8	13	25	62

GK—Goalkeepers FB—Full-backs CB—C.H. Backs
WH—Wing-halves F—Forwards T—Total

Again the players who have appeared in most countries are the more likely to be picked. Not that I would wish to dissent from the wholesale nomination of players from Brazil but I feel that the European Tours of not only the Brazilian national side but also of several club sides gave their players more chance of being picked than had the stay-at-home Argentinians for example.

No attempt was made to place the 62 players in order of merit but the two writers of the commentary did produce their idea of the world's best eleven. It was Yachin (USSR); Durkovic (Yugoslavia), Martinez (Uruguay); Szymaniak (W. Germany), Sipos (Hungary), Benitez (Peru); Hamrin (Sweden — playing in Italian football), Suarez (Spain), Seeler (W. Germany), Pele (Brazil), Charlton (England).

Three players from S. America and eight from Europe of whom the defenders Durkovic and Sipos were not nominated in the French poll. My previous comment about the bias in favour of forwards partly explains this but several of the forwards in the "France Football" poll were missing from the Italians' 25 — 16 of whom were with European clubs.

How, I wonder, would these eleven players fare as a team? The ultimate value of any player after all is his value to his team, or, as Helenio Herrera has said, "the player who plays only for himself is playing for the other side".

And so to "Miroir du Football's" ratings that I mentioned earlier. Here the spotlight is shared equally between teams and players. At the moment — later issues of the French magazine will be continuing the survey started in their January number — there seems no attempt at an overall order of

Centurin, the Millonarios goalkeeper fails to thwart Hucaran forward Soria (standing centre) in a scoring attempt during a recent match at Bogota, Colombia. The visiting Argentine team defeated the Colombian side 4-1. (Photo: Planet.)

AST FIVE SEASONS?

merit of clubs or players although there may be some significance in the group photograph of Santos F.C. serving to illustrate the opening of the feature! Otherwise it is an alphabetical country-by-country survey with a few surprises.

Generally the "best" club is the current holder of the national championship — thus Rapid (Austria), Lierse (Belgium), Wilsterman Cochabamba (Bolivia), sometimes the current and the penultimate champion (Eintracht Frankfurt and Hamburg S.V. representing West Germany; San Lorenzo and Independiente representing Argentina are examples), occasionally note has been taken of the immediate season's form—Tottenham are mentioned together with Burnley (the champions) in the England section for example, and the Racing Club of Paris with Reims (last year's champions), Monaco (last year's Cup-winners) and Nimes (last year's league runners-up) in the French.

In all cases where there is an addition to the title-holders the reasons seem obvious ones : uually, as with Eintracht Frankfurt for example, an impressive display in the European Cup or some other international performance. But where such evidence is not to hand, the compilers of these ratings come up against the problem of lack of precise knowledge of the current standards of **all** clubs, even all leading clubs, in **all** countries. Thus those nearer to Scotland, for example, and more aware of the Scottish scene, than the French writers would be unlikely to have left Heart of Midlothian, on the strength of their championship win of 1959-60, as the club — the only club — entitled to be thought of as Scotland's best for the year (ending in December) 1960!

With several countries yet to come under "Miroir du Football's" survey the full relationship between their listed players and those of "France Football's" 19 European critics and of "El Calcio" cannot yet be assessed but already sufficient additions and omissions have been revealed to suggest that a tabulated comparison will be an interesting exercise a little later on.

This I am already working on and, when all the necessary facts and figures are to hand, I will compile just such a tabulated table of comparisons for this magazine.

I feel it is an important task of "World Soccer" to bring together in an easy-to-understand manner all the respective views of our contemporaries in order that our readers will be able to make their own deductions.

For the moment then, just this surprise — the name of Luis Suarez is not in "Miroir du Football's" Spanish section!

Glenavon's recent slump may be traced to the loss of their international centre-forward Jimmy Jones (seen left) who has been absent through injury. Skipper of the side, Jones had an early shock in his career when he sustained a broken leg following an incident after the crowd had invaded the pitch at Windsor Park, Belfast on Boxing Day 1948. Happily fully recovered since then he has been a prolific scorer in the Irish League.

NORTH AND SOUTH TO LINK UP?

Nth. IRELAND : . . by COLM DELVIN

THIS month will almost certainly see the resumption of competitive football between teams from the Republic of Ireland and Northern Ireland. At a meeting held recently in Dundalk, officials from northern clubs — Distillery, Glenavon, Glentoran and Linfield met their counterparts from the South — Drumcondra, Shamrock Rovers Shelbourne and St. Patricks.

In an atmosphere of cordiality and goodwill, plans were completed for a knock-out competition to be played on a home and away basis. The present intention is that play will begin as soon as ratification is obtained from the I.F.A. and F.A.I. While I have no doubt that this will be granted I shall not be surprised if the local association lay down certain conditions concerning future North/South competitions.

This is the first progressive step which has been made for sometime to ease the financial difficulties which the majority of Irish League clubs are in at the moment. A certain amount of criticism will doubtless come from those clubs which were not invited to take part. It has been stressed, however, that this year's venture is purely experimental and should it prove successful, next year's competition will be extended. Nevertheless, I doubt if more than four additional clubs from the North would find the competition any more profitable than some of their Irish League fixtures. Portadown, Ards and Ballymena would appear to have a reasonable chance of success. I think the organisers have erred in arranging to play the matches by floodlight at this time of the year. Only the Windsor Park floodlights are really first class and January and February are months of notoriously bad weather. I would prefer to see the fixtures played in the longer evenings of May and even June. This would also give the much advocated summer soccer a trial run.

But, apart from this, I have no hesitation in stating that the competition is a step in the right direction and I cannot understand the mentality of a minority of supporters and the few officials who would have no fixtures whatever with southern clubs. In them they see, as one local commentator stated "the thin edge of the wedge". The inference was that there was a possibility in the future of attempts being made to promote an all-Ireland soccer team in the international competitions. All sorts of reasons are given why this should not be allowed to happen. I think the main reason is the possibility of an attempt to introduce Sunday football. Though I am against this myself, I am just as definite in stating that there can be no justification for prohibiting Northern Ireland teams from playing on Sundays outside Ireland.

With the Irish League programme nearing the halfway mark three points separate Linfield, Ards and Glentoran. Ballymena's home defeat of the Windsor side opened up the competition and left Ards only one point behind Linfield. Disappointment of the competition so far has been the poor form displayed by the champions, Glenavon. The absence through injury of their captain and international centre-forward, Jimmy Jones was the main factor in their slump.

THE BEST EXAMPLE OF PROVINCIAL ENTERPRISE IN

Our monthly club focus is directed at Wismut Karlmarxstadt, the East German all sports club. Football however is the most popular and they field two senior and five junior sides every week.

Pride and joy of the East Germans

A WORLD SOCCER report by BERNARD MOSER

Bringfried Muller (below) Wismut international centre-half gets in a spot of dead-ball kicking practise during a recent training session at the Otto Grotewohl stadion. Trainer Fuchs is on the right.

SINCE the end of the last war when Germany was divided into two sections East and West, the latter have been considerably more successful than their counterparts in the East. Recently however there have been indications that football standards are beginning to rise once more in pre-war strongholds like Dresden, Leipzig and Berlin.

Following the pattern set by the Hungarians, East German footballers have been chanelled into one or two selected teams, yet while Dynamo Berlin and ASK Vorwarts (also Berlin) have benefitted from this policy, the lesser known clubs have not allowed them to have everything their own way. Perhaps the best example of provincial enterprise in East Germany is provided by Wismut Karlmarxstadt.

In 1939 Wismut were virtually unknown. At that time the club was known as Pneumatic and behind this unimposing title they were in fact a small sports club organised by the workers in a Chemnitz tyre factory, playing in a local amateur league.

To come from nowhere into the limelight of international soccer is a considerable stride in less than twenty years and practically impossible to achieve in normal circumstances, but Wismut were given a tremendous "leg-up" in 1945. Immediately after the war, everything in Eastern Germany was re-organised. The entire town of Chemnitz was re-christened after Karl Marx; the pneumatic works were considerably enlarged and the sports club grey in consequence.

Under the new title Zentra Wismut flourished. When a new national league was formed in 1950, Wismut were given a place and renamed once more, SC Wismut Karlmarxstadt.

Today Wismut cater for all forms of sport. Football is of course the most popular and the money spinner but while they field two senior and five junior sides each week-end they also have strong sections for swimming, ice-hockey, athletics, cycling and basketball, etc.

The club's ground the Otto Grotewohl Stadion was built in 1953, and now is fully equipped for all the club's activities. Top capacity is only 30,000, enough for normal league games, but for the glamour games Wismut use the Lokomotive stadium in nearby Leipzig. There 100,000 can be accommodated, and it is not so much a hardship for their followers to make the trip to Leipzig, for their own ground is not easy to reach situated as it is, some twenty miles out from the centre of Karlmarxstadt in a town called Aue.

Like most East German clubs Wismut play a kind of half-breed football, a cross between the strong direct game practised in western Europe and the individual ball skill and collective pattern weaving of their

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Above : Wismut Karlmarxstadt on parade : left to right : Muller, Thiele, Troger, Erler, Schlegel, Zink, Killermann, Siefert, Kaiser (M), Wolf, K aiser(S).

Polish and Czechoslovakian neighbours. Centre-forward Willi Troger, the Kaiser brothers Siegfried and Manfred, goalkeeper Klaus Thiele and inside-left Siegfried Wolf are their most proficient players, all well known internationals, but regrettably all nearing the age when they must be replaced.

Together they have been responsible for Wismut's past glories, but they shared one common fault, a tendency towards over-elaboration. Of them all only Troger seemed aware that their fine approach play must be turned into goals if honours are to be won.

At present they are going through a transitional stage, slowly introducing younger men into the side. Most promising of the newcomers is a twenty-one-year-old called Dieter Erler, who has already won several caps, at inside or centre-forward; and won high praise amongst German critics.

Other caps among the newcomers are wing-half Albert Muller and centre-half Bringfried Muller both big strong players, but nowhere to date have they produced a successor to Troger.

This failure cost them dearly in the championship which ended in December, and they were forced to be content with fifth place. The goals for figure 40 in 26 games roughly 1.5 per match speaks for itself, and their list of scorers is quite disappointing. Wolf (S) and Bamberger the new centre-forward shared the top place (!) with seven each followed by Zink 6, Erler 5 and Mohr 3.

In the European Cup they were no more successful and although they took Austrian champions SC Rapid to a third match before they were eliminated it took left-back Wagner to score their face saving goal in Vienna.

During their brief history Wismut have been East German champions three times—1956, 1957 and 1959. In 1955 they won their FA Cup, and in 1959 they came within an ace of the double for after winning the championship, they fought their way through to the final. There they drew 0-0 with Dynamo Berlin and then went down 3-2 in a replay.

That was the final fling of the Kaiser, Troger, Wolf combination, and now quite clearly they are in for a bad time unless they can find a scorer. Three times Wismut have taken part in the European Cup, their first championship success co-inciding with the East German decision to take part in the international tournament.

In 1957-58 they were fortunate to beat Gwardia Warsaw, when Troger called correctly at the toss of a coin, after three games left the two teams level a 5-5. In the next round they went down 4-1 on aggregate to Dutch team Ajax, and this season after getting a free pass from the British government who wouldn't grant visas to their party that would have enabled them to meet Glenavon they were beaten by Rapid.

1958-59 was definitely their best performance. In that campaign they reached the quarter finals and claimed as their victims Petrolul Ploesti (Rumania) and IFK Goteborg (Sweden). Then in the quarter finals they had three very hard matches with Young Boys of Berne before finally going out 2-2, 0-0 and 1-2.

At present the East German season runs from March to December, but during the next eighteen months a switch is to be made so that they will fall in line with the rest of Europe and play from autumn to the spring.

In Karlmarxstadt they say that the transitional season can be forgotten, but after that Wachtel, Mohr, Erler, and Bamberger all promising young forwards, must find the way to goal. If they don't Wismut might well find themselves back to the obscurity from which they rose so quickly.

Wismut centre-forward Willi Troger looks at some of the many trophies that his club have won in recent seasons.

EIRE . . . by TOM MULDOWNEY

Highest honour to date

F.I.F.A. have invited an Irish referee to control Norway-Russia match.

SOON after the start of the present season, it became clear that Eire league clubs had made a mistake when they raised the minimum price of admission to two shillings.

It was also apparent that clubs, with few exceptions, intended to carry on in the same old way; indifferent about the type of football served up, providing victory was achieved. The standard of play in the current League Championship is, I feel, at a low ebb. Soccer in Eire is no longer the cheapest form of entertainment, or the best. The public have given a ready answer, by staying away, even from games featuring the English League, Wales and Norway.

Unless the admission price comes down, the shutters may well go up on clubs already in need of financial help.

Drumcondra, Waterford and to a lesser extent Dundalk, are the only teams playing top "value for money" football. The last named have not displayed the attractive team-work of their rivals, but in signing Jimmy Hasty from Newry Town, they introduced the greatest crowd-puller since the "golden days" of Jimmy Gauld.

Another crowd pleaser is Dan MacCaffrey, Drumcondra's free scoring centre-forward, and down by the river Suir, Waterford are led by the "prince of personalities" Paddy Coad. These three then are the only teams who have outscored high admission prices, T.V. and the other reasons that keep the fans at home.

F.I.F.A. have invited an Irish referee to take charge of the Norway-Russia, World Cup (Group V) game in Oslo next August. This is the highest honour to come to an Irish official, and speculation is rife as to who will be appointed by the Referee's Committee. The choice will be made from a short list of four, John "Pip" Meighan, Tom Barton, Billy O'Neill and Sgt. O'Donnell, the only Irishmen on the International panel.

Meighan who won a cup medal with Transport in 1950, is the most experienced of the four. He controlled two Eire Cup Finals, and impressed all who saw him in charge of an "under 23" International last year, and on the line for a schoolboy International at Wembley.

World Cup Group VIII, is the one on which Irish eyes are really glued, as the date of Eire's meeting with Scotland at Hampden Park draws near. Glasgow will see a great Irish invasion, eager to see their country make a successful start on the journey to Chile.

I fear the visitors are doomed to disappointment, for, unlike the canny Scots, the Eire selectors made no preparation for this World Cup series, no effort at team-building, in fact November 6 when they scrambled to victory over Norway, was the last get-together of the Irish team.

Half of that team are now out of favour with their English clubs, only Cantwell, Fullam, Hurley and Fagan hold regular first team places. Manchester United's Johnny Giles is of course out of action with a broken leg; the remainder are languishing in the lower grade.

Not the best preparation for World Cup football.

Whatever the result at Hampden Park, the return in Dublin will be a sell out. Already travel agencies are handling thousands of enquiries. An estimated 80,000 want to see the game, but the actual attendance will be near 45,000, the capacity of Dalymount Park. There is no doubt the Phibsboro' enclosure will be the venue despite the fact that Lansdowne Road, Irish Rugby Headquarters was suggested. The Eire F.A. recently gave Bohemians (owners of Dalymount) the "green light" to install a floodlighting system, with a guarantee that all important matches will be played at Dalymount Park for the next ten years at a 15% ground rent.

Croke Park, the magnificent home of the Gaelic Athletic Assoc. would be the ideal ground for this historic game. It holds over 90,000, and has a perfect playing surface. What a pity the G.A.A. will not "bend" a little towards their soccer neighbours.

After the Scottish game the next World Cup outing is against Czechoslovakia in Dublin on October 8th. The return game at Prague will take place on October 29th. Both are Sunday games, and this creates a big headache for the selectors. Bringing players to Dublin, after playing in England on Saturday is difficult enough, but Prague is an entirely different proposition. The selectors will have to go "cap in hand" to clubs requesting the release of players from Saturday matches if they are to field a full team.

Eire played Czechoslovakia twice during 1959. Winning 2-0 in Dublin, and going down 4-0 in Bratislava.

Matisen (Norway) finds himself well "covered" by Eire defenders Kelly and Hurley (no. 5) in an early season international which Eire won 3-1. (Photo: Devlin.)

THE CENTRE OF WORLD FOOTBALL

A SWISS newspaper recently illustrated the position of Switzerland as a centre of world soccer in an article entitled "Problems of World Soccer from the Swiss view". Proof of this attitude is emphasised by the fact that Zurich is the headquarters of the FIFA, where Dr. Helmut Käser, successor to Kurt Gassmann holds office.

Ernest B. Thommen in Basle is one of the vice-presidents of the same organisation and it is he who is responsible for the arrangements concerning the World Cup final in Chile next year. He also presides over the commission submitting proposals for new statutes to the next FIFA Congress in London. From a practical view, Thommen is working as president since elected president Sir Arthur Drewry became ill shortly after appointment.

So it can be said that Basle and Zurich can divide the honour of being the capital of the soccer world between them.

Current FIFA matters were outlined by Ernest Thommen in a press conference attended by Swiss coach Karl Rappan and National League secretary Paul Ruoff, the creators of the "Rappan-Plan"—a European Championship for clubs in the close season.

Some years ago UEFA was founded, the European soccer union. Its main aim, however, was the performance of the European Cup. So it was possible for a second competition to be born, the "Union of the Ligues" founded by professional federations.

Clubs need international communication especially after the ending of their own national championship. The "Rappan-Plan" would guarantee that the first four teams of every country would participate in the competition. The respective national championships would become more interesting because of the fight for not only one but four places. "Intertoto" has considerable interest in the competition as it intends to finance these matches in order to popularise them.

It all adds up to the fact that the little country of Switzerland is making greater influence upon international soccer.

(Dr. Helmut Käser takes up his duties as General Secretary of FIFA in succession to Mr. Kurt Gassmann, who retired after exactly ten years' service. Kurt Gassmann has loyally served the International Association through a difficult decade which has included two World Cup competitions. During his term of office, the membership of FIFA has grown to over 90 members and there has been good progress in solving the many difficult problems of international relationship. The new Secretary has held a similar office with the F.A. of Switzerland since the end of the Second World War.)

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ROGER MACDONALD
reports exclusively on Albania

Entry into big-time?

UNLIKE the rest of Europe, Albania has managed to maintain an air of mystery for over half a century; even today she is rarely heard of beyond her immediate neighbours. It is not surprising, therefore, that Albanian soccer has been virtually an unknown quantity for many years.

The origin of football in the country is obscure indeed, even to the Albanians themselves. It is known that there was organised soccer in the capital, Tirana, at the end of the first decade of the century, but this was abandoned when the country became involved in the Balkan Wars, 1912-13. Later World War I saw Albania in the thick of the fighting.

British troops helped the country to straighten itself at the end of the War, and in doing so re-introduced the game to the southern districts. Progress was slow, but by 1930 the Albanians were able to form a National Football Association, which was inaugurated on June 6th. For three years each major town had its own league, but in 1933 an Albanian League was formed, extending over the whole country.

By 1934 relations with Italy had become somewhat strained, and Albania decided not to enter the World Cup Competition. A year later she was fighting for her independence, and by the time of the next competition, participation was out of the question, the league having been abandoned. Albania was under occupation until the end of World War II, after which she joined the Eastern European bloc.

The football association was reorganised in March, 1949, as the Komitetit Kultures Fizike e Sportive te Republiko Popullore te Shgiperise. Steps were taken to form a national eleven, and a number of games have been played against neighbouring countries. Poland won 2-1 at Warsaw in 1949, and Czechoslovakia 3-0 at Prague in 1950. In the same year Albania held Poland to a goal-less draw at Tirana, but then suffered a crushing defeat, 12-0, to a fine Hungarian eleven. Her form at home improved, however, Poland being defeated 2-0 in 1953, and Czechoslovakia 2-1 and 3-2 in 1952. On one occasion the Balkan Cup was held at Tirana, where Albania had comparative success, beating Rumania 1-0 and Bulgaria 3-1 before losing by the odd goal in five to Yugoslavia, who won the competition.

In 1947 the Albanian League was restarted, with eight clubs taking part, as follows: Skandergerg from Koritsa, Biesa from Kruje, Wilasnija from Scutari, Flamituri from Valong, Locomotive from Durazzo, and three from Tirana: 17th Niendori, Partizan and Dinamo. The last two have dominated the championship, with Partizan having the upper hand until recently, having won in 1947, 1948, 1949, 1954, 1957, 1958, 1959. However in the latest competition Dinamo established a commanding lead.

When the number of clubs was increased to twelve in 1959, instead of making the competition more open, it led to first Partizan and then Dinamo winning almost every match.

Former Austrian "B" International Herbert Ninaus (seen above in white) is now centre-forward of Sydney's champion club, Prague. Together with Budapest defenders Lang and goalkeeper Sokoloff, he appears to have misjudged a high ball.

UPGRADE, DESPITE FIFA BAN

The international suspension on Australia has not affected progress, says ***ANDREW DETTRE***

AUSTRALIA, still suspended by the F.F.I.A. over the pirating of several Austrian stars, is getting ready for what may be the country's greatest soccer season. This will start in April though in most States some Cup tournaments will be held as from the end of February.

In all capital cities, particularly in Sydney and Melbourne with large migrant populations, the rise in playing standards will probably be exceeded only by attendance figures. While a few years ago a crowd of about 3,000 at a Sydney club match was considered most satisfactory, today's crowds are frequently over the 10,000 mark.

The F.I.F.A. ban so far has caused little concern in Australia. However, some moves are now afoot to have this ban lifted soon by settling the issue with the Austrian F.A. and the Viennese clubs involved. The players concerned are no small fry; they include former Austrian 'A' and 'B' internationals Leo Baumgartner, Karl Jaros and Herbert Ninaus as well as other Austrian first-graders like Walter Tamandl, Erwin Ninaus and ex-Wacker player Andras Saghy who in 1953 was in Hungary's Under 21 side and left his homeland after the 1956 political uprising. Only recently, further Austrians arrived in Sydney including Victor Mach, Heinz Wenzl and Adolf Blutsch. Mach played for Austria while Blutsch played right-half for the Under 21 Austrian team against Hungary's Under 21 team.

All these illegal importations, arriving without proper clearances, play in various Sydney clubs and are terrific crowd-pleasers, adding a long-missed Continental touch to the rather drab and unimaginative Australian soccer of yesteryear.

Hand in hand with the rise in standards, the growth of crowds has increased the market values of topflight local players. Even in 1957 the sum of £200 was unheard of as a transfer fee; today no club can secure a really worthwhile addition to its team under £1,000, often more. The matter of finances is somewhat chaotic. At present most players negotiate their own contracts and "sell" themselves to the highest bidder while their old clubs may also collect a neat sum for the transfer.

The most prosperous clubs in all States are those founded and run by migrants such as Prague, Hakoah and APIA (Sydney), Wilhelmina, George Cross and Polonia (Melbourne), Azzuri, Hellenic (Brisbane), Juventus, Budapest and Croatia (Adelaide).

And all this in a country where soccer's real boom has just started and where the game is surely on its way to depose rugby league as the country's most popular winter sport.

1960

a detailed review of the year

by ERIC BATTY

DURING the past few weeks many prominent coaches and trainers have given their views to the press on the question of which were the outstanding international sides during 1960. The selections varied considerably; Russia, Brazil, Spain, England, Argentina, Yugoslavia, all were prominently placed.

Brazil are the current world champions, yet some claim Argentina are the best team in South America; Spain began the year with five successive victories, England ended the year with four wins in a row; Yugoslavia, I feel, are the best team in Europe, yet Russia won the European Nations Cup.

My own vote goes to Yugoslavia, yet on the basis of cold figures, Czechoslovakia and Sweden were the most successful teams of the year. Can figures tell the complete story? Does the best team always win? Does high class soccer go hand in hand with the ability to score goals? If the answer to all these questions is yes, then the table set out with this feature shows the relative strengths of most of the world's leading soccer nations.

The results from which the table has been compiled include games in various competitions, the World Cup, Atlantic Cup, Copa Internazionale, the British championship, the Scandinavian championship, and a host of friendly internationals but there are a few that have been excluded — games in which one or both teams were not able to field their full XI.

Luxembourg for example, fielded their full side in Olympic Games matches against the amateurs of France and Switzerland, but have not been counted. Similarly, the Yugoslavs were unable to field their full side in the same competition because of the FIFA rule which barred players that took part in the 1958 World Cup. They too have been omitted.

Lastly, the minimum qualification for a place in the table is four matches, and though this has meant leaving Italy, Paraguay, Turkey and Portugal unplaced, it is surely better to do this than rate a team who played only two games and beat, say, Indonesia and Burma.

As the figures show, not one team went through the year without suffering at least one defeat. Russia, previously unbeaten ended their international season with a visit to Vienna and lost 3-1 to Austria; Sweden's only defeat was, surprisingly enough, handed out by Norway, also 3-1; and Hungarian hopes were dashed when they turned in a very poor performance against Belgium (2-1 in Brussels).

To me it seems quite clear that the top half of the table is highly suspect. What for example are Wales doing so highly placed when they were thrashed by England far more convincingly than the 5-1 score suggested, and are Switzerland and Israel worthy of a place above England, Spain and Austria?

The truth of the matter is that some teams had easier opponents than others. Some teams played three out of four games at home, while others played three out of five away from home.

Sweden are a case in point, for every one of the six games they played was staged in Scandinavia. Wales, too, were fortunate in that all their matches were played within the British Isles, and not one of their opponents was from the continent. International competition has reached the point nowadays where the home side are usually favoured to win, and when the visitors are not only away from home, but also away from their own continent this emphasis is doubled and perhaps trebled.

The fate of Chile amply illustrates this for their European tour was nothing less than disastrous and their position in my table shows this only too well. Had their fixtures with France, Switzerland, Belgium and Eire been played in Santiago the results might surely have been different.

RESULTS OF 1960

JANUARY				
Italy	3	v.	Switzerland	0
Tunisia	1	v.	Yugoslavia	5
Morocco	0	v.	Yugoslavia	5
Egypt	0	v.	Yugoslavia	1
FEBRUARY				
Belgium	1	v.	France	0
MARCH				
Israel	2	v.	Greece	1
France	6	v.	Chile	0
Austria	2	v.	France	4
Eire	2	v.	Chile	0
Spain	3	v.	Italy	1
West Germany	2	v.	Chile	1
Belgium	3	v.	Switzerland	1
APRIL				
Greece	2	v.	Israel	1
Wales	3	v.	Nth. Ireland	2
Switzerland	4	v.	Chile	2
Argentina	3	v.	Brazil	1
West Germany	2	v.	Portugal	1
Holland	4	v.	Bulgaria	2
Scotland	1	v.	England	1
Belgium	1	v.	Chile	1
Belgium	2	v.	Holland	1
Egypt	0	v.	Brazil	5
MAY				
Czechoslovakia	4	v.	Austria	0
Portugal	2	v.	Yugoslavia	1
England	3	v.	Yugoslavia	3
Spain	3	v.	England	0
Russia	7	v.	Poland	1
Hungary	2	v.	England	0
Yugoslavia	5	v.	Portugal	1

THE COLD FACTS

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Russia lost only once during 1960, to Austria. The picture on the left shows Austria's goalkeeper Schmied making a save in that match, which Austria won 3-1. Austria lost three times in 1960.

		P	W	D	L	Goals F	Goals A	% success
1.	CZECHOSLOVAKIA	6	5	0	1	15	3	83.3
2.	SWEDEN	6	5	0	1	13	4	83.3
3.	RUSSIA	5	4	0	1	14	5	80
4.	ARGENTINA	9	7	0	2	27	15	77.7
5.	WALES	4	3	0	1	9	9	75
6.	URUGUAY	4	3	0	1	6	7	75
7.	WEST GERMANY	7	5	0	2	17	8	71.4
8.	YUGOSLAVIA	9	5	2	2	27	14	66.6
9.	BRAZIL	9	6	0	3	27	14	66.6
10.	HUNGARY	6	3	2	1	13	7	66.6
11.	SWITZERLAND	6	4	0	2	18	13	66.6
12.	ISRAEL	4	2	1	1	10	5	62.5
13.	ENGLAND	8	4	2	2	27	14	62.5
14.	SPAIN	8	5	0	3	19	12	62.5
15.	AUSTRIA	8	5	0	3	16	14	62.5
16.	BULGARIA	8	5	0	3	14	15	62.5
17.	EAST GERMANY	5	3	0	2	11	6	60
18.	DENMARK	5	3	0	2	15	9	60
19.	EIRE	5	3	0	2	9	8	60
20.	NORWAY	6	3	0	3	15	12	50
21.	POLAND	5	2	1	2	11	15	50
22.	BELGIUM	9	4	1	4	13	18	50
23.	FRANCE	10	4	1	5	23	20	45
24.	HOLLAND	8	3	1	4	15	18	43.7
25.	SCOTLAND	7	1	2	4	14	19	28.5
26.	MOROCCO	4	1	0	3	5	11	25
27.	GREECE	4	1	0	3	5	13	25
28.	TUNISIA	5	1	0	4	4	12	20
29.	CHILE	9	0	1	8	7	30	5.5
30.	IRELAND	4	0	0	4	9	17	0
31.	FINLAND	5	0	0	5	6	18	0

Consider for a moment some of the other South American sides, Argentina, Brazil and Uruguay, all currently believing that they are going to win the next World Cup.

Argentina and Brazil met four times. Twice Argentina won (at home) and twice Argentina lost (away) — while Uruguay beat Brazil 1-0 at home and later lost 4-0 away to Argentina. Clearly they are almost unbeatable at home, but even in other parts of South America they have only an outside chance of victory.

Let us consider now the placings of two teams almost in the middle of the table Israel and England. Israel played four matches two against Cyprus and two against Greece. At home they beat them both — away they drew in Cyprus and were beaten in Greece. Does this entitle them to twelfth place in an international ranking list? And England? In the spring England played four matches drew two, 3-3 at home to Yugoslavia, 1-1 away to Scotland (in Britain), and then lost both away games to Hungary 2-0 and Spain 3-0. In the autumn it was a different story four games — four victories, but three of the matches were staged in Britain. At home (Wembley) England beat Wales 5-1 and Spain 4-2; in Belfast they beat Ireland (5-2). The only away win in eight games was a 9-0 hammering against the amateurs of Luxembourg, who lost 7-3 a few weeks later to the B team from Holland!

GAMES WHICH HAVE BEEN INCLUDED IN OUR TABLE

Argentina	4	v.	Brazil	2
Austria	4	v.	Scotland	1
Bulgaria	2	v.	Rumania	1
Scotland	2	v.	Poland	3
Denmark	3	v.	Brazil	4
West Germany	0	v.	Eire	1
Sweden	4	v.	Eire	1
Switzerland	3	v.	Holland	1
Bulgaria	4	v.	Belgium	1
Rumania	0	v.	Czechoslovakia	2
Czechoslovakia	3	v.	Rumania	0
Denmark	3	v.	Norway	0
JUNE				
Hungary	3	v.	Scotland	3
Chile	2	v.	Uruguay	3
Brazil	4	v.	Argentina	1
Turkey	4	v.	Scotland	2
Norway	4	v.	Iceland	0
Mexico	3	v.	Holland	1
Finland	0	v.	Sweden	3
Brazil	4	v.	Chile	0
Poland	4	v.	Bulgaria	0
Norway	1	v.	Austria	2
JULY				
Denmark	7	v.	Greece	2
Czechoslovakia	0	v.	Russia	3
Uruguay	1	v.	Brazil	0
Bulgaria	2	v.	East Germany	0
Russia	2	v.	Yugoslavia	1
Brazil	5	v.	Argentina	1
Chile	0	v.	Spain	4
Argentina	2	v.	Spain	0
Ghana	2	v.	Egypt	2
France	4	v.	Yugoslavia	5
Argentina	1	v.	Paraguay	0
Peru	1	v.	Spain	3
Paraguay	1	v.	Brazil	2
Czechoslovakia	2	v.	France	0
Uruguay	2	v.	Paraguay	1
Chile	1	v.	Spain	4
Surinam	3	v.	Holland	4
Antilles	0	v.	Holland	0
AUGUST				
Iceland	0	v.	West Germany	5
Argentina	4	v.	Uruguay	0
Norway	6	v.	Finland	3
Denmark	2	v.	Finland	1
East Germany	0	v.	Russia	1
Ghana	4	v.	Nigeria	1
SEPTEMBER				
Austria	3	v.	Russia	1
Norway	3	v.	Sweden	1
Poland	2	v.	France	2
Honduras	2	v.	Costa Rica	1
Finland	1	v.	France	2
OCTOBER				
Honduras	1	v.	Guatemala	1
Antilles	2	v.	Surinam	1
Hungary	1	v.	Yugoslavia	1
South Korea	1	v.	China (Nat.)	0
Sweden	2	v.	Belgium	0
Sweden	2	v.	Denmark	0
Eire	2	v.	Wales	3
Belgium	1	v.	Holland	4
Nth. Ireland	2	v.	England	5
Switzerland	6	v.	France	2
Luxembourg	0	v.	England	9
Wales	2	v.	Scotland	0
England	4	v.	Spain	2
Nth. Ireland	3	v.	West Germany	4
Austria	3	v.	Spain	0
Morocco	2	v.	Tunisia	1
East Germany	5	v.	Finland	1
Sweden	1	v.	France	0
Belgium	2	v.	Hungary	1
Czechoslovakia	4	v.	Holland	0
USA	3	v.	Mexico	3
NOVEMBER				
Eire	3	v.	Norway	1
Scotland	5	v.	Nth. Ireland	2
Tunisia	2	v.	Morocco	1
Mexico	3	v.	United States	0
Hungary	2	v.	Austria	0
England	5	v.	Wales	1
Israel	6	v.	Cyprus	1
South Korea	2	v.	Japan	1
Hungary	4	v.	Poland	1
Cyprus	1	v.	Israel	1
Greece	0	v.	West Germany	3
Belgium	2	v.	Switzerland	4
Bulgaria	2	v.	West Germany	1
Bulgaria	2	v.	Turkey	1
DECEMBER				
Ecuador	3	v.	Argentina	6
Malta	1	v.	Tunisia	0
France	3	v.	Bulgaria	0
Morocco	2	v.	East Germany	3
Tunisia	0	v.	East Germany	3
North Korea	1	v.	China (Com.)	0
Italy	1	v.	Austria	2
Argentina	5	v.	Ecuador	0

EUROPE'S No. 1 FOOTBALLER 1960 - LUIS SUAREZ

Eric Batty tells th
Footballer of the Year
Luis Suarez, who

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SINCE 1956, "France Football" one of the Continent's most respected journals, has conducted an annual ballot to find the outstanding player of the year. The popular choice for 1960 is Luis Suarez Miramontes, inside-left of CF Barcelona who, at only twenty-five now joins such exalted company as Stanley Matthews, Alfredo Di Stefano, Raymond Kopa, and Alfredo Di Stefano again, all, in that order, previous winners of the trophy.

Suarez was born on May 2nd, 1935, at Corunna on the northern coast of Spain. His first love was the sea and at an early age he became a useful swimmer, but he was also determined to become an outstanding footballer. In this he was not encouraged by his parents, for as a boy he was slightly built and it was feared that his frame would not withstand the rigours of the game. However though they later saw to it that he became apprenticed to an electrician, they fought and lost this parental guidance battle. Weighing heavily on the other side of the scale was the fact that Suarez had two elder brothers who played for the first division club Celta de Vigo and watching them play as often as possible, he became more and more determined with every day that passed.

In response to a newspaper advertisement young Luis offered his services to his home town team Real Club Deportivo Corunna — and was promptly signed on, but in view of a Spanish League rule which barred players under eighteen, he was loaned to FC Fabril, a nearby third division club.

With Fabril, Suarez began to develop into a fine player, gaining experience, and working hard to perfect his technique. Glowing reports on his form filtered back to Corunna where his eighteenth birthday was eagerly awaited. Promptly on that day he was returned to them. Three weeks later he made his debut in the league side — away to the fabulous Club de Futbol Barcelona.

At CFB's old home Estadio Las Corts, Suarez strolled out to inspect the pitch with his team-mates. Gazing around the packed terraces and the huge stand with its strange oyster shaped roof, he was more than a little afraid. What if he should fail? What if he played a bad game?

Two hours later he was acclaimed. Corunna had been beaten 6-1 but Suarez had played magnificently and at the end of the match the other twenty-one players insisted on him being the first to leave the pitch. With the cheers of the crowd following him into the stand Suarez was amazed to find the dressing room packed with Barcelona officials wielding fountain pens and all asking the same obvious questions.

Negotiations were held up briefly while the permission of Suarez' parents was gained since he would be living in Barcelona and then it was settled. Suarez became a Barcelona player for 165,000 pesetas (approximately £14,000) after less than a month as an official player and within a few hours of making his debut for Corunna.

During his career with Barcelona, Suarez has established himself as a world class inside forward. With his intelligent approach to the game, and a high degree of natural ability it was inevitable that he would succeed, but his rate of progress has certainly been accelerated by the host of international stars with whom he has played. CFB coaches have also made important contributions. When he first arrived Ferdinand Daucik (a former Czech international) was in charge, then Puppo (an Italian), Balmanya (a Spaniard) and from 1958 Helenio Herrera an Argentinian born, naturalised Frenchman.

Perhaps the greatest single influence to which Suarez has been subjected is that of his team mate Ladislav Kubala from Hungary, but from all such sources of players and trainers, Suarez has acquired something, so that now, he could not be called a typical Spanish player. He plays, simply . . . like Suarez.

Slightly built still at twenty-five but quite fast, Suarez is an all-rounder, making or taking goals with equally easy grace. An impeccable ball-player, he uses his skill not to further his own reputation but in the interests of his team. When a situation arises which can be exploited by a quick pass, Suarez never hesitates to make it. When there is nothing "on" he uses his skill to draw opponents out of position and then exploits the gaps they have left.

Without the ball he works hard: not to capture the ball from an opponent but to so position himself that when the move breaks down he can easily be found by a team-mate and then in turn mount an attack of his own creation. Often it will be necessary to gain one or two precious seconds while a colleague takes up a favourable position and here Suarez is supremely confident. One touch is enough to master the ball, dragging it back, turning, hiding it with his body from an opponent. One second, two seconds, three seconds, now a feint to bring the challenger over and clear a path for his pass and away it goes. All apparently simply achieved.

The most striking characteristic of Suarez' technique is reminiscent of a conjuror. With a stationary or slowly moving ball, Suarez moves his feet alternately over the top of the ball, weaving and feinting.

Away from soccer, Luis Suarez has proved himself to be a shrewd business man in partnership with a former Barcelona player. They own a thriving textile factory and Suarez is pictured above examining one of the firm's products.

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, Barcelona's inside-forward
is twenty-five years old

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A conjuror holds a coin between the first finger and thumb, passes his free hand over the coin and asks which hand it is in. The audience is invariably wrong and it often is with Suarez as well.

Perhaps his greatest single attribute is the ability to change not only the tempo but the style and shape of his game. One example will amply illustrate this — the 1959-60 European Cup ties with Wolverhampton Wanderers.

In Spain, CFB needed to win well, while the Wolves would clearly be content with a draw. Barcelona then had to carry the game to the Wolves goal. Nominally at inside-left, Suarez gave a wonder performance. Twice in the first half he opened the way to goal with dazzling dribbles on the right wing, followed by inch perfect crosses that first Villaverde and then Kubala turned into goals and then later when Flotats was injured, he moved back to a reshuffled defence and played superbly at left-half.

For the return match at Molineux the conditions were different and of course demanded a very different solution. With Wolves trailing by four goals they had to attack with everything right from the first whistle and CFB set out to exploit the gaps that Wolves would inevitably leave. Suarez was the midfield general, the man in command and though Wolves had more of the ball Barcelona won easily by five goals to two. Kocsis at inside-right scored four of the Spanish side's goals, but it was Suarez who was the master architect.

Off the field Luis Suarez is no less astute. The many signing on fees and bonuses he has received from football have been put to good use and in partnership with a former Barcelona goalkeeper called Goicolea, Suarez owns a thriving textile factory.

With his future secure, he can concentrate wholeheartedly on what he likes to do most — play football. Already he has been described as the greatest ever Spanish born player, and with many years in the highest class still ahead of him he may well earn far greater praise.

In seven years with Barcelona, Suarez has helped his club to success in league and cup. Twice the club has won the Inter Cities Fairs Cup, twenty-one times Suarez has played for Spain and at Wembley last autumn he captained his country against England. Only two further honours lay open to him, a European Cup winners' medal and a similar recognition in the World Cup and these the Spaniards say hopefully he could help to win in the next eighteen months. Certainly it could not happen to a more deserving and highly skilled player.

If 1960 was a great success for Suarez, he could not have commenced the new year with less luck for on January 1st at Oviedo he sustained a nasty knee injury that will keep him out of action for at least two months. Badly torn ligaments were diagnosed and he returned home with his left leg in plaster. Later he said optimistically, "I hope to be fit for the European Cup tie with the Czech champions Spartak Hradec Kralove on March 15th, but fit or not I'll be there". That is the date set for him to be presented with his European Footballer of the Year trophy — the golden ball of "France Football".

England Captain Johnny Haynes (left) exchanges pennants with his opposing Captain of Spain, Luis Suarez, prior to the England - Spain international at Wembley in October, 1960. England the host country won by four goals to two before a crowd of 80,000.

It is a trophy, well earned, and one which will hold pride of place at his home.

Suarez is a modest fellow. He was interviewed immediately after the announcement of the ballot, and throughout he maintained that he owed his selection to the rest of his team-mates and to the tremendous incentives provided by the Barcelona club who, during 1960, reached out to challenge the hitherto unquestioned superiority of Real Madrid.

Suarez was then invited to select his own personal tops of 1960 and he unhesitatingly plumbed for Alfredo di Stefano as number one. Di Stefano is obviously the idol of many Spanish League players as well as countless supporters throughout the world.

Next, in order, came Evaristo, Gento, Charlton and Kopa. Suarez considered Charlton rated among the most dangerous raiders the British Isles have produced since the war.

The five players who have most impressed Suarez during the whole of his career to date are Di Stefano, Kubala, Boszik, Cesar and Szymaniak.

It is plain to see that Di Stefano is the one player whom Suarez believes to be the almost-complete star.

This is a view shared by many, of course.

Of the nineteen countries who took part in the 1960 Footballer of the Year ballot, it is interesting to note that four (Holland, Italy, Sweden and Turkey) placed him at the top of their lists whilst five (Belgium, Czechoslovakia, Hungary, Spain and Switzerland) rated him runner-up.

Bulgaria, Russia and Yugoslavia did not rate him a place.

But his latest recognition is not his first. Earlier last year, a new 10-Centavo coin was issued by Spain which has been popularly called a "Luisito" after Suarez. Both the coin and the player have the number 10 on the back!

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EVERY sport, like every society, has its own laws conceived in a bygone age by far-sighted men of keen principles. To many, these rules are binding and without question; to some, they were designed merely to be broken.

Throughout history, men have felt obliged to set an example in the knowledge and administration of this system whilst others have been happy to abide by any decisions which have resulted.

But in every walk of life and in every branch of sport, laws have continued to present a riot of problems, far too intricate for the man-in-the-street to understand. Changing situations and hitherto unforeseen facts, have always necessitated alterations which, invariably, helped only to complicate.

Someone once said that a society without laws would be a more contented one since there would be no law-breakers, there being no laws to break. A quizical logic.

There can be no denying that when, on December 1, 1863, the English Football Association first published their laws of the game, life for the administrators became more than a trifle hectic, despite the simple fact that these laws were designed purely to obviate confusion and bickering which was then threatening to disrupt the sport.

Over the years, the laws were added to repeatedly until, today, we have the conglomeration of small-print jargon to cover every conceivable aspect which can be exampled.

The universal interpretation of the laws is too often a domestic affair. Allowing for the human facility, no two persons will always think alike: similarly, no two referees will always think alike and certainly one has yet to discover a species of supporter who will agree with the man standing next to him on the terraces.

In many ways this is as inevitable as tomorrow itself, and one might be prompted to admit that it even adds a little something to the overal atmosphere.

A glowing example is the offside law, a seemingly highly complicated rulling which invariably sets up arguments in a dozen different languages.

International upsets

The charging of a goalkeeper is but another facit of the situation which has promoted near international upsets in recent months.

Without doubt, then, there is an urgent need for a universal common book of laws for both officials and enthusiasts alike.

The laws, as they stand, are difficult enough for a referee to decipher let alone the man in the stands to fully grasp. They are set out in an over-elaborate manner, are too flowery in choice of words and are totally uninviting.

They are, inevitably, if every phase of play is to be covered adequately, cluttered with sub-paras and sub-sections.

High time, I feel, they were re-drafted colloquially. With the better understanding that come derive as a result of re-writing, would come a more ready appreciation of the game as a whole.

PERU AIM FOR LAST SIXTEEN

Peru are maintaining satisfactory progress on the road to Chile, reports our special correspondent from that country.

THE team which caused the most surprise at the official South American Championship in March, 1959, in Buenos Aires was Peru. Against the world champions Brazil they succeeded in transforming a 0-2 deficit into a 2-2 draw by which Brazil lost the chance of winning the title. In the Uruguay - Peru match, the latter gained a 5-3 victory though the brilliant outside-left Seminario had to leave the field. Against the eventual winners of the competition Argentina, Peru played much better football for most of the match. Right-half Benitez, however, pushed the ball into his own goal and started the 1-3 defeat.

But the "victory of the year" was obtained in May, 1959, in the match against England. Having lost 0-2 to Brazil in Rio, England cast anchor in Lima. National trainer Orth former Hungarian international had prepared his team carefully and well, a fact which could not be applied to his colleague of "Old Albion" Walter Winterbottom.

The players of Peru had a 4-1 success and captain and goalkeeper Asca received the cup presented by the English embassy. England were out of luck in trying to adapt their own long passing game to the shorter, more effective style of the South Americans. On that form and on that day Peru would have been hard to beat by anyone.

Outstanding were right-half Benitez, nominated in the "World team" by the Italian newspaper "Calcio", centre-half Fernandez and the quicksilver, hard-shooting forwards Montalvo, Jova, Loayza and especially Seminario.

Over a year later in July, 1960, to be exact the next great match was staged against Spain. But trainer Orth and the Federacion Peruana de Football had many troubles, the same kind that Sweden had in 1950, 1954 and 1958 and has today as well. During that time most of the best players were bought by Italian clubs, so that the Swedish team was weakened heavily. The same applied to Peru. Benitez now plays for Boca Juniors Buenos Aires, Seminario for Sporting Lisbon, Loayza for Barcelona and Joya for River Plate Buenos Aires. Small wonder then that Peru lost to Spain 1-3.

In the 1958 qualifying games for the World Cup, Peru played the eventual winners Brazil in Rio and only lost 0-1 after a 1-1 draw in Lima. Today the road to Chile is much easier for Peru. Playing Colombia home and away, Peru should qualify. The greatest danger to non qualification by Peru comes not from the Colombian team but the altitude of Bogota presents some difficulty. However Peru should overcome this hurdle and become one of the last sixteen

With a fully representative side, Peru can aim at becoming 1962 World Champions. Already it has cut a breach into the South American hegemony of Brazil, Argentina, Paraguay and Uruguay and can do the same with the phalanx of the world elite. **W.S.**

Footnote: The Federacion Peruana de Football was founded on August 23, 1922, and was affiliated to F.I.F.A. on March 31, 1924. National colours are white shirts with red stripe, white shorts, grey socks with red stripes on the turnover.

Ladislaus Kubala (left) will leave Spanish League club Barcelona in May and will travel to Argentina to play for River Plate F.C. See full story on this page. (Photo: Meteimann.)

KUBALA SIGNS UP FOR ARGENTINA'S RIVER PLATE

Our Paris Newsletter from ***JERRY WEINSTEIN***

JUST FONTAINE will not remember January 1, 1961, with any pleasure, for on this unhappy New Year's day, playing for Reims against Limoges, he was the victim of a rare repeat accident: a double fracture to his left leg, which had kept him out of football from March of last year until this season occurred again in the same places. Surgery has now intervened and all football lovers will wish this courageous player a full recovery. He has before him as an inspiring example in the remarkable case of Jacky Faivre who, whilst with Nice, twice suffered a double fracture in the same year (1957). Faivre took a long time to recover his old verve, but this season he has returned to top form with his new club Rennes and has even played for the French "B" team.

This accident to Fontaine boded ill for the Paris Mission of Antonio Liberti, Chairman of Argentina's famous River Plate club, who swept into Europe with a pocketful of gold in search of stars. On his way through Spain he signed up Kubala from Barcelona as from May next or earlier, if the Spanish club is eliminated from the European Cup. Barcelona also agreed to part with goalkeeper Oswaldo Medrano. In addition, Liberti obtained the services of Pepillo from Real Madrid.

To round up his coup, Liberti came to France in quest of Roger Piantoni. Despite the refusal of Reims to entertain the idea after the injury to Fontaine, it is by no means out of the question that Piantoni will end up next season in Latin America. In view of recent discussions on the English footballer's conditions the terms which River Plate were purported ready to offer Piantoni are worth noting: a 3-year contract with £8,000 on signature; £40 a week wages with bonuses at £10 for each point won in the Championship; for six matches during the season a treble bonus would be paid, i.e. £36 a point. The fee to Reims would have been around £35,000. When one adds that life is supposed to be very comfortable in Argentina on £75 a month, it is no wonder that Piantoni confessed he found the proposal "not uninteresting"!

He is 29 and if he is ever to conquer new fields, now is the time. As Piantoni put it: "Even if I get fed up abroad, it's still worth it. Aside from the money I'd earn in the three years I think that my freedom at the age of 32 is something I shouldn't underestimate". Henri Germain, Reims' President, had this last word for Piantoni which shows once more his calibre: "If you get fed up, we'll always be ready to have you back".

Meanwhile, the French championship has passed the half-way mark and it is becoming clear that the present leaders, Monaco, on goal average from Racing, with Reims some way behind, are not likely to be caught by any of the other teams. My personal hunch is that Racing will still be Champions despite recent lapses.

It was not until mid-November, the unlucky 13th to be exact, that Racing lost their first match and the French Championship begins half-way through August! However, December and January are notoriously bad months for Racing and this season is no exception despite Manager Pierre Pibarot's modified training schedule intended to avoid the club's perennial winter slump. That he has not succeeded is not entirely his fault.

The turning point came in early December in the vital match against Reims. If Racing had won that, Reims would have been 7 points behind and virtually out of the race. Within half-an-hour of the kick-off, Racing had lost their goalkeeper Taillendier and the match. Worse, Bodin, the focal point of the defence has been out with an injury, Heutte has had trouble in getting into perfect condition and Pibarot has been deprived of the regular presence of young Van Sam, a forward of truly remarkable talent, through military service.

Pierre Pibarot is now in his third season as boss of Racing. In his first two years, Racing finished third in the Championship; this season he is determined that they should finish top. It is exactly a quarter of a century since the club won the Championship, though in this same period it has been in the Cup Final no less than 6 times and lost only once.

In Pibarot's three seasons, Racing have scored more goals than any other club in France but they have also tended to concede rather too many. This does not seem to distress Pibarot who in any event always gives the impression of having ice instead of blood in his veins.

Racing's present side contains 8 full internationals: France's captain "Jacques of all trades" Marcel, the veteran of veterans Roger Marche, Ujlaki, Piantoni's rival as the best inside-forward in the country, Taillendier in goal, Bollini and Senac as wing-half and Grillet and Heutte among the forwards. Above all Racing have determined leaders plus a Manager who has his sights trained on Europe. Not only on the European Cup in which so far Reims and Nice have had a monopoly but also on the future European League which all believe is inevitable.

There are moves afoot in Britain for the introduction of Summer football. ***HARRY BROWN*** *reports*

A change of climate

IN the end — and only as a long term investment — competitive League soccer in the summer must start in Britain, and in the majority of other European countries as well. And till it does I cannot see Britain ever challenging seriously again for the top honours in the world.

But do its fiercest protagonists, I wonder, realise just what they are asking of the game and its legislators?

To say nothing of the players — the numbers of whom are raising their voices in support — increases every week.

Because soccer in the summer, even in the traditionally wet and soggy British Isles, will produce not only climatic changes; but also changes of terrain. The game will no longer be played on ice nor in swamps. Which is good. The mud will be gone, too.

Yet, very often, the holding and ideal surfaces, which take the stud will also be gone. And in its place will be the bone hard ground on which the ball bites and dances.

On which only a ball player of class, a man able to kill it from any angle, will be able to survive.

How many of that sort of player are there in Britain today? British conditions are not conducive to it.

How many British clubs have joy-through-strength stars on their books — men who reach their peak in late autumn and mid-winter? These men are the back-bone of any club. From them spring the kernel of Britain's professional strength.

Do the advocates of football in July realise that they will, virtually, be axing every one of this type from the game?

That in the beginning, football must needs get worse after the change over . . . before it can get better.

Naturally, Britain needs the control of the South Americans before she can aspire to the old heights. But she will not get it until a new generation rises — a new generation taught under the summer sun.

Once upon a time football gleaned on the mud patches of Britain was enough to take the country to the top.

But that was before the world took the game and bettered it. Sometimes I wonder why Britains weep so much because of that.

A moment's reflection should convince every Britisher breathing that had these foreign stars to learn their drills on British fields they, too, would be lacking in so many of the hard-ground skills.

British supporters sometimes watch visiting international and club sides sliding to defeat under the mud, forgetting that their visitor's natural surfaces impart the complete basic skills which would enable them to adapt themselves to permanent conditions like Britain's . . . whereas Britain's own men are without the skills to condition themselves to soccer under the sun.

Many have sat a little appalled during close (and early) English season matches when the ball was biting back off the bone-hard grounds . . . and have longed for the mud.

When the change is finally made — and I say **when** advisedly rather than **if** — tens of thousands of fans are going to feel like that.

It is not the magic wand which will right all Britain's ills in a flash. Not by a long way.

The British fixture list for March

SATURDAY, MARCH 4th

F.A. Cup—Sixth Round

DIVISION I

Aston Villa v. Arsenal; Blackburn R. v. Preston N.E.; Blackpool v. Sheffield W.; Bolton W. v. Cardiff C.; Chelsea v. Birmingham C.; Everton v. Fulham; Leicester C. v. Manchester C.; Manchester U. v. Burnley; Tottenham H. v. Nottingham F.; West Ham U. v. West Bromwich A.; Wolverhampton W. v. Newcastle U.

DIVISION II

Charlton v. Brighton & H.A.; Huddersfield T. v. Rotherham U.; Lincoln C. v. Bristol R.; Luton T. v. Derby C.; Norwich C. v. Middlesbrough; Plymouth A. v. Leeds U.; Portsmouth v. Liverpool; Sheffield U. v. Ipswich T.; Stoke C. v. Scunthorpe U.; Sunderland v. Southampton; Swansea T. v. Leyton O.

DIVISION III

Barnsley v. Watford; Bournemouth & B.A. v. Swindon T.; Bradford C. v. Brentford; Bristol C. v. Southend U.; Colchester C. v. Chesterfield; Grimsby T. v. Shrewsbury T.; Hull C. v. Walsall; Newport C. v. Tranmere R.; Notts C. v. Torquay U.; Q.P.R. v. Port Vale; Reading v. Bury.

DIVISION IV

Carlisle U. v. York C.; Crystal P. v. Gillingham; Darlington v. Bradford; Doncaster R. v. Barrow; Exeter C. v. Oldham A.; Hartlepools U. v. Millwall; Mansfield T. v. Chester; Peterborough U. v. Aldershot; Rochdale v. Crewe A.; Southport v. Northampton T.; Stockport C. v. Workington; Wrexham v. Accrington Stanley.

SCOTTISH DIVISION I

Airdrie v. Aberdeen; Ayr U. v. Celtic; Clyde v. Dundee U.; Dundee v. Dunfermline A.; Hearts v. Motherwell; Partick Thistle v. St. Johnstone; Raith R. v. Rangers; St. Mirren v. Hibernian; Third Lanark v. Kilmarnock.

SCOTTISH DIVISION II

Alloa A. v. East Stirling; Arbroath v. East Fife; Brechin C. v. Stranraer; Cowdenbeath v. Forfar A.; Dumbarton v. Berwick R.; Falkirk v. Stenhousemuir; Hamilton v. Stirling A.; Morton v. Albion R.; Queen of the South v. Montrose.

SATURDAY, MARCH 11th

DIVISION I

Arsenal v. Blackburn R.; Birmingham C. v. Aston Villa; Burnley v. Chelsea; Cardiff C. v. Tottenham H.; Fulham v. Bolton W.; Manchester C. v. Everton; Newcastle U. v. Manchester U.; Nottingham F. v. Blackpool; Preston N.E. v. West Ham U.; Sheffield W. v. Wolverhampton W.; West Bromwich A. v. Leicester C.

DIVISION II

Brighton & H.A. v. Sheffield U.; Bristol R. v. Portsmouth; Derby C. v. Lincoln C.; Ipswich T. v. Stoke C.; Leeds U. v. Norwich C.; Leyton O. v. Luton T.; Liverpool v. Huddersfield T.; Middlesbrough v. Charlton A.; Rotherham U. v. Sunderland; Scunthorpe U. v. Swansea T.; Southampton v. Plymouth Argyle.

DIVISION III

Brentford v. Barnsley; Bury v. Coventry C.; Chesterfield v. Bristol C.; Halifax T. v. Grimsby T.; Port Vale v. Notts C.; Shrewsbury T. v. Hull C.; Southend U. v. Q.P.R.; Swindon T. v. Bradford C.; Torquay U. v. Bournemouth & B.A.; Tranmere R. v. Colchester U.; Walsall v. Reading; Watford v. Newport C.

DIVISION IV

Accrington Stanley v. Carlisle U.; Aldershot v. Southport; Barrow v. Hartlepools U.; Bradford v. Crystal P.; Chester v. Stockport C.; Crewe A. v. Mansfield T.; Gillingham v. Doncaster R.; Millwall v. Wrexham; Northampton T. v. Darlington; Oldham A. v. Peterborough U.; Workington v. Exeter C.; York C. v. Rochdale.

SCOTTISH DIVISION I

Aberdeen v. Hearts; Celtic v. Raith R.; Dundee U. v. Third Lanark; Dunfermline A. v. Partick T.; Hibernian v. Dundee; Kilmarnock v. Airdrieonians; Motherwell v. St. Mirren; Rangers v. Clyde; St. Johnstone v. Ayr U.

SCOTTISH DIVISION II

Albion R. v. Alloa A.; Berwick R. v. Falkirk; East Fife v. Queen of the South; Forfar A. v. Morton; Montrose v. Dumbarton; Queen's Park v. Brechin C.; Stenhousemuir v. Hamilton A.; Stirling A. v. Arbroath; Stranraer v. Cowdenbeath.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18th

F.A. Cup—Semi-Finals

DIVISION I

Aston Villa v. West Bromwich A.; Blackburn R. v. Manchester C.; Blackpool v. Burnley; Bolton W. v. Sheffield W.; Chelsea v. Preston N.E.; Everton v. Nottingham F.; Leicester C. v. Cardiff C.; Manchester U. v. Arsenal; Tottenham H. v. Newcastle U.; West Ham U. v. Fulham; Wolverhampton W. v. Birmingham C.

DIVISION II

Charlton A. v. Leyton O.; Huddersfield T. v. Middlesbrough; Lincoln C. v. Southampton; Luton T. v. Rotherham U.; Norwich C. v. Scunthorpe U.; Plymouth A. v. Ipswich T.; Portsmouth v. Leeds U.; Sheffield U. v. Derby C.; Stoke C. v. Bristol U.; Sunderland v. Brighton & H.A.; Swansea T. v. Liverpool.

DIVISION III

Barnsley v. Swindon T.; Bournemouth & B.A. v. Port Vale; Bradford C. v. Torquay U.; Bristol C. v. Bury; Colchester U. v. Watford; Coventry C. v. Walsall; Grimsby T. v. Tranmere R.; Hull City v. Halifax T.; Newport C. v. Brentford; Notts C. v. Southend U.; Q.P.R. v. Chesterfield; Reading v. Shrewsbury T.

DIVISION IV

Carlisle U. v. Millwall; Crystal P. v. Northampton T.; Darlington v. Aldershot; Doncaster R. v. Bradford; Exeter C. v. Chester; Hartlepools U. v. Gillingham; Mansfield T. v. York C.; Peterborough U. v. Workington; Rochdale v. Accrington S.; Southport v. Oldham A.; Stockport C. v. Crewe A.; Wrexham v. Barrow.

SCOTTISH DIVISION I

Ayr U. v. Hibernian; Clyde v. Raith R.; Dundee U. v. Rangers; Dunfermline A. v. St. Johnstone; Hearts v. Kilmarnock; Motherwell v. Aberdeen; Partick T. v. Celtic; St. Mirren v. Airdrie; Third Lanark v. Dundee.

SCOTTISH DIVISION II

Albion R. v. Stranraer; Alloa A. v. Montrose; Berwick R. v. Cowdenbeath; Brechin C. v. Stenhousemuir; Dumbarton v. Stirling Albion; Falkirk v. Arbroath; Forfar A. v. East Stirling; Morton v. Queen's Park; Queen of the South v. Hamilton.

SATURDAY, MARCH 25th

DIVISION I

Arsenal v. West Ham U.; Birmingham C. v. Blackburn R.; Burnley v. Aston Villa; Cardiff C. v. Blackpool; Fulham v. Tottenham H.; Manchester C. v. Bolton W.; Newcastle U. v. Chelsea; Nottingham F. v. Wolverhampton W.; Preston N.E. v. Leicester C.; Sheffield W. v. Manchester U.; West Bromwich A. v. Everton.

DIVISION II

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DIVISION III

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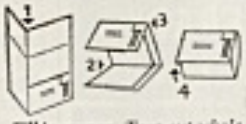

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WORLD ROUND-UP

UNITED STATES. Men who have reached the top class in two or more sports are quite common nowadays but there are not many football teams that have world class athletes in their ranks. One exception to this rule however are Detroit Lions, who recently signed Glenn Davis winner of a gold medal in the 400 metres hurdles at the 1956 Olympics in Melbourne.

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ARGENTINA. Assured of a place in the final rounds of the next World Cup, the Argentinian FA have already prepared a list of 24 players likely to be called upon and arranged training sessions at which they will all attend.

Nestor Rossi, River Plate's much sought after attacking centre-half retired at the end of the season. 34-years-old and once pursued by Real Madrid Rossi has been offered £50 per week to become trainer of one of River's greatest rivals — Racing.

When Brazil won the 1958 World Cup Competition in Sweden it was the first time that a country from one hemisphere had done so playing "away"! And the South Americans are now steadily preparing to retain the World Cup against the European invaders.

Brazil, as the holders, and Chile, as the host country, are already assured of places in the final sixteen. And the groups in South America have been arranged such that, barring a soccer miracle, they will be joined by the four nations who immediately follow Brazil in ability.

The fourth group competition is over and, as was expected, the Argentine comfortably disposed of Ecuador. But Ecuador have football ambitions and will be featuring more prominently in soccer news during the next few years.

Before sixty thousand spectators at the Guayaquil stadium Argentina soon dominated the play and took the lead after 13 minutes with a penalty goal scored by outside-right Oreste Corbatta. Two minutes later his partner Pando made it 2-0 and half-way through the first half Ruben Sosa, Argentina's centre-forward, scored number three.

After that the final result was never in doubt and goals by the wingers, Corbatta and Belen, three minutes before and three minutes after the interval, confirmed the Argentinians' supremacy that was further emphasised when their centre-half, Ramaciotti, scored their sixth goal seventeen minutes from the end. Oddly, Argentina's brightest young player, San Filippo, was the only forward who failed to score.

A fortnight later before their own supporters there was no similar "let-up" on the part of the Argentinians and they strolled off comfortable winners by five goals to nil — and with their eyes steadily fixed on Chile in 1962!

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SWEDEN. A new football record has been claimed in Sweden. At Malmo, an eighteen-year-old called Ulf Hansen took up the increasingly popular pastime ball-juggling. The idea is to keep a football off the ground for as long as possible using only the head and legs. Young Hansen's record? Four hours and thirty-six minutes, during which he played the ball no less than 33,003 times!

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FRANCE. Reims star centre-forward Just Fontaine is once more hors de combat. After breaking his leg in February, 1960, he was back in action in November, but after only a few weeks of activity, the same leg is back in plaster — broken in two places.

It is rather curious to verify that in the French I Division the club that makes least profit is the leader — Monaco — on account of the attendances in its ground — average of 3,000.

It is due to the generosity of Prince Rainier that the princedom can have a such expensive team:

The goalkeeper Garofalo came from Montpelier (£9,500); right-back Kaelbel from Strasbourg (£15,000); left-back Novak from Lyon (£13,000); right-half Hidalgo from Reims (£11,500); centre-half Ludo from Lens (£8,000); left-half Bianderi from Angers (£15,750); outside-right Hess from Metz (£20,500); centre-forward Roy from Besancon (£8,000); inside-right Cossou from Lyon (£28,500); inside-left Theo from Rennes (£26,000); outside-left Carlier from Holland (£11,500). The whole team cost £166,500 and its expenses are two-and-a-half times greater than the income.

Only the extraordinary grants of money of Prince Rainier keep the club alive. But if the team wins the league the club has a big problem to deal with: its stadium has only capicity for 11,000 people which is not enough to receive the great teams of the European Cup.

Monaco might borrow either Nice or Marseille's ground for those matches.

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ITALY. With Internazionale strongly fancied to win the championship the standing of their new team chief Helenio Herrera could hardly be greater. A new gramophone record issued in Milan bears testimony to his popularity . . . the "Herrera cha-cha-cha".

A new row about drugged players seems to be brewing up in Italy. Giuseppe Viani tecnico of AC Milan alleged after his team had been held to a draw in Bari, that their opponents had been given stimulants. This kind of thing has been rumoured and complained about for several years past, and has inspired many jokes and cartoons. International stars asked to explain why the Azzuri lost a match have been known to shrug their shoulders and grin "Someone made a mistake, they gave us the wrong one".

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SPAIN. The 1960-61 season will begin as usual with the Carranza Cup. Staged each year in Cadiz, and organised by the Mayor, it will be played this time on 26th and 27th August. The four contestants have finally been settled Internazionale (Italy), Penarol (Uruguay), CF Barcelona and Atletico Madrid. "El Trofeo Carranza" may not be the most important in the world, but the prize certainly is — the huge trophy weighs more than twelve stone (185 lbs.)

The draw for the first round of the Copa del Generalissimo (FA Cup) has just been made. Ties will as usual be played on a home and away basis, on May 7 and 11. Real Madrid will meet Hercules (Div. II), Barcelona meet the winners of Gijon v. Cadiz and Atletico Madrid take on Mestalla. Toughest task for all the first division sides is that allocated to Bilbao. They will have no easy task against Osasuna (Pamplona) who are making a determined effort to win back their place in Division I.

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BELGIUM. The rise of Anderlecht's 17-year-old goalgetting centre-forward Paul Van Himst has been phenomenal. Unknown at the start of the season he has won what seems to be a regular place in the national team, and has now been elected "Footballer of the year". Not a bad haul after less than six months in the top class.

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RUSSIA. A stiff programme has been arranged for the Russian international team for 1961 World Cup games at home and away, with Turkey and Norway form only the base, and other games have been confirmed against Hungary, Austria, Italy, Poland, while still in the wind is a trip to South America in the autumn. A new coach has been appointed for the national team, Katchalin giving way to Yakuschin. It now seems more than

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ever certain that Moscow Torpedo will become the first Russian team to take part in the European Cup (1961-62).

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YUGOSLAVIA. The fine football produced by the Yugoslavs in the Olympics did not pass unnoticed by the less experienced countries. One of the immediate results was the sudden rise in the prestige of Yugoslav coaches, and the FA has since received many requests for a recommended man. At the moment there are two Yugoslavs in Ethiopia, one each in Egypt and Tunisia, and ex-international Ognjanov was recently appointed coach to the national team of the Sudan. Iraq and Morocco are seeking help from the Yugoslavs and it could well be that one of three recently retired stars could soon be in Africa, Beara, Spajic or Zekovic.

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RHODESIA. Professional Football has hit the Federation of Rhodesia and Nyasaland, Grappling for control of the new league which will get under way in April are the official affiliated bodies of Southern Rhodesia and Northern Rhodesia and a newly formed Rhodesia and Nyasaland National Football League Ltd. — a company.

The last mentioned, the R.N.N.F.L. seem the most likely to be successful. They have the financial backing from heads of local firms who would also employ the players in "outside jobs". They have, however, included a condition which they require each of their clubs to fulfill which has received mixed reception. All competing sides will be multi-racial — at least three Africans in European sides and vice-versa in African line-ups.

The players will naturally not be taken on as full time pro's as this is uneconomical in the comparitively sparcely populated Central Africa. The wage scale anounced is £5 for a win, £4 for a draw and £3 for a lost match. Whether the player plays or not, he will be paid a guaranteed retainer of £2 a week and at the beginning of each season, he will receive a £10 signing-on fee.

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PORTUGAL. Armando Ferreria, the Portuguese who last season coached the youth team which was third in the Youth Tourney in Vienna, is the manager of the team of Portugal that will play next April and May against Luxembourg and England for the World Cup.

After having chosen 18 players for a start, he gave a plan to the Portuguese Football Association.

It consists of: A period of 3 days every three weeks for concentration of the players; Between these periods there will be practice matches against Division I teams; During the concentration periods there will be debates on psychology, moral, physical education, Football rules.

The 18 players are: Goalkeepers—Costa Pereira (Benfica), Jose Pereira (Belenenses). Defenders—Angelo (Benfica), Hilario (Sporting), and Lino (Sporting. Half-backs—Germano (Benfica), Julio (Sporting), Mendes (Sporting), Morato (Sporting), Vicente Belenenses). Forwards — Aguas (Benfica), Coluna (Benfica), Hernani (F. C. Porto), Yauca (Belenenses), Jorge Humberto (Academica), Jose Augusto (Benfica), Rocha (Academica), and Uria (G. D. da C. U. F.).

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MOROCCO. Having finished level on points in Section (b), the National team met Tunisia in a play-off match in Palermo, After extra time deadlock was again reached at 1-1 but somewhat luckily for Morocco, they won the subsequent toss-up and will go forward to meet the winners of the other two sections in the African Zone of the World Cup.

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GUATEMALA. The outstanding match in Section (b) of the Central and North American Zone of the World Cup has been played. Guatemala defeated Honduras 1-0 on January 15 and in doing so robbed Honduras of equalling the points total of the section leaders Costa Rica.

Costa Rica are now drawn with the winners of the other sections of this zone, Mexico and the Antilles.

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WEST GERMANY. Oswald Pfau, trainer of 1st FC Koln (Cologne), will only remain in the "cathedral town" till the end of this season. This means that he will not complete his contract due to expire in June, 1963.

Pfau, formerly trainer of the national team of East Germany had led the Koln team into the final of the German Championship last summer when Hamburg SV won 3-2. The official report says that no differences between Pfau and the club committee had existed but it had been rumoured that the trainer and president Kremer had had differences of opinion on the question of team selection.

Kremer not Pfau is the first man in 1st F.C. Koln and that explains the frequent change of trainers. When "marrying" the team of Koln a trainer must establish a good relationship with the "mother-in-law".

Pfau's successor will be Zlatko Cajkowski, called "Tschik". The latter has already played for Koln in 1955-58 during his studies at the Sporthoechschule where he took his trainer examination. Afterwards he went to Israel playing and training at Hapoel Haifa. Recently Cajkowski has been training a team in Ankara.

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German's Chile try-out

SEPP HERBERGER, one of football's most astute brains, will be taking his prospective World Cup side for a trial run in Chile this month. At first it was hoped that matches would also be arranged against Brazil and Argentina, but while this may still be possible it now seems unlikely. Even so the experience will be of considerable value practically and morally, for whenever a European team crosses the Atlantic they always find themselves at a disadvantage in the unfamiliar conditions.

From Herberger's point of view it will be an opportunity to inspect likely hotels, training pitches, the local food, etc. — all vitally important and for the players of whom the majority will no doubt make the journey in 1962, it will be an opportunity to acquaint themselves with local conditions.

One guide to the likely outcome is provided by Spain who went to Santiago last July and convincingly defeated the local team twice 4-0 and 4-1.

If Germany are going to travel furthest, the Belgians are certainly going to be the busiest international outfit this month. They have set themselves as stiff a programme as any that can be recalled apart from the action packed weeks of the World Cup final rounds. On three successive Wednesdays, Belgium will meet West Germany in Frankfurt, France at the Parc des Princes in Paris and Holland at the Feyenoord stadion in Rotterdam. With league matches for the players on the Sundays in between, it will be hard going and bearing in mind that all three games are away from home they will do well to hold their own.

The only world cup match of the month will be the Portugal v. Luxembourg encounter, and while the score is in doubt the result ought to be taken for granted: a home win. Bearing in mind that England beat Luxembourg 9-0 last autumn it is imperative from the Portuguese point of view that they run up a good score, even though goal average does not count in the World Cup.

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Some European fixtures for March

Publishing the month's fixtures (first division only) for all the major footballing countries in the world, is an ambitious task, but one we have set ourselves to complete. Below are the first of them, and this valuable feature will be added to as the months progress.—Editors.

FRANCE

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

Sedan v. Lyon; Valenciennes v. Troyes; Rennes v. Lens; S.F.F.C. v. Angers; Le Havre v. Nice; St.-Etienne v. Limoges; Monaco v. Reims; Grenoble v. R.C. Paris; Toulouse v. Nancy; Nimes v. Rouen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

Reims v. S.F.F.C.; Troyes v. Grenoble; Lens v. Sedan; Angers v. St.-Etienne; R.C. Paris v. Limoges; Rouen v. Valenciennes; Lyons v. Nancy; Monaco v. Toulouse; Nice v. Rennes; Nimes v. Le Havre.

ITALY

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

Atalanta v. Milan; Bari v. Torino; Catania v. Bologna; Internazionale v. Lazio; Juventus v. Fiorentina; Padova v. Lanerossi Vicenza; Roma v. Napoli; Sampdoria v. Spal; Udinese v. Lecco.

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SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

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WEST GERMANY (South)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

Schweinfurt 05 v. Eintr. Frankfurt; SSV Reutlingen v. VfR Mannheim; TSG Ulm 46 v. Karlsruher SC; FSV Frankfurt v. 1. FC Nurnberg; VfB Stuttgart v. Kick. Offenbach; SV Waldhof v. 1860 Munchen; SpVg. Furth v. Jahn Regensburg; Bayern Munchen v. Bayern Hof.

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WEST GERMANY (North)

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WEST GERMANY (South-West)

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

Saar 05 Saarbr. v. Tura L'hafen (Sa); Mainz 05 v. Phonix L'hafen; Worm. Worms v. Bor. Neunkirchen; VfR Frankenthal v. Spfr. Saarbr.; L'hafener SC v. SV Niederlahnstein; Eintracht Trier v. FK Pirmasens; 1. FC Saarbr. v. 1. FC K'lautern; TuS Neuendorf v. Eintracht Kreuzn.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

Phon. L'hafen v. TuS Neuendorf (Sa); Tura L'hafen v. 1. FC Saarbrucken; Bor. Neunkirchen v. VfR Frankenth; Spfr. Saarbr. v. L'hafener SC; SV Niederlahnst v. Eintr. Trier; FK Pirmasens v. Worm. Worms.; 1. FC K'Lautern v. Mainz 15; Eintr. Kreuznach v. Saar 15 Saarbr.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

Saar 15 Saarbr. v. Mainz 05 (Sa); SV Niederlahnst v. Bor. Neunkirchen; FK Pirmasens v. Spfr. Saarbrucken; VfR Frankenthal v. Eintr. Trier; Phon. L'hafen v. Tura L'hafen; Eintr. Kreuznach v. 1. FC K'lautern; 1. FC Saarbr. v. TuS Neuendorf; Wormatia Worms v. L'hafener SC.

WEST GERMANY (West)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

TSV Marl=Huls v. SV Sodingen; Preusen Munster v. 1. FC Koln; Westf. Herne v. Bor. Monchengladb.; Vikt. Koln 04 v. Meidericher SpV; VfL Bochum v. Rot=Weis Essen; Duisburger SpV v. RW Oberhausen; Schalke 04 v. Borussia Dortmund; Hamborn 07 v. Borussia Dortmund; Hamborn 07 v. Alemannia Aachen.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

Alemannia Aachen v. TSV Marl=Huls; 1. FC Koln v. Westfalia Herne; Bor. Monchengl. v. Vikt Koln 04; Meidericher SpV v. VfL Bochum; RW Oberhausen v. Schalke 04; Borussia Dortmund v. Hamborn 07; SV Sodingen v. Preusen Munster.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

Westf. Herne v. Schalke 04; Meidericher SpV v. Alem. Aachen; Rot=Weis Essen v. SV Sodingen; RW Oberhausen v. 1. FC Koln; Bor. Dortmund v. Bor. Monchengl; TSV Marl=Huls v. VfL Bochum; Pr. Munster v. Duisburger SpV; Vikt. Koln 04 v. Hamborn 07.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

RW Essen v. Duisburger SpV.

WEST GERMANY (Berlin)

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

BFC Südring v. Tennis Borussia; Berliner SV 92 v. Hertha BSC; Hertha Zehlend. v. Spandauer SV; Viktoria 89 v. Kickers 1900; Wacker 04 v. Tasmania 1900.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th (Neutral Ground)

Spandauer SV v. Berliner SV 92; Hertha BSC v. Hennis Borussia; Hertha Zehlendorf v. Viktoria 89; Kickers 1900 v. Wacker 04; Tasmania 1900 v. BFC Südring.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

Spandauer SV v. BFC Südring; Tennis Borussia v. Berliner SV 92; Tasmania 1900 v. Kickers 1900; Viktoria 89 v. Wacker 04; Hertha BSC v. Hertha Zehlendorf.

SWITZERLAND

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

Basle v. Lucerne; Biel v. Young Fellows; Chaux-de-Fonds v. Chiasso; Fribourg v. Zurich; Grasshoppers v. Grenchen; Lausanne v. Young Boys; Winterthur v. Servette.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

Chiasso v. Basle; Grenchen v. Chaux-de-Fonds; Lausanne v. Winterthur; Lucerne v. Biel; Young Boys v. Grasshoppers; Young Fellows v. Fribourg; Zurich v. Servette.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

Basle v. Grenchen; Biel v. Chiasso; Chaux-de-Fonds v. Young Boys; Fribourg v. Lucerne; Grasshoppers v. Lausanne; Servette v. Young Fellows; Winterthur v. Zurich.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

Chiasso v. Fribourg; Grasshoppers v. Winterthur; Grenchen v. Biel; Lausanne v. Chaux-de-Fonds; Lucerne v. Servette; Young Boys v. Basle; Young Fellows v. Zurich.

HOLLAND

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

NAC v. DOS; NOAD v. DWS; MVV v. GVAV; Rapid JC v. Sparta; VVV v. ADO; Feyenoord v. Alkmaar; PSV v. Enschede; Ajax v. Fortuna '54; Elinkwijk v. Willem II.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

DOS v. NOAD; DWS v. MVV; GVAV v. Rapid JC; Sparta v. VVV; ADO v. Feyenoord; Alkmaar v. PSV; Enschede v. Ajax; Fortuna '54 v. Elinkwijk; Willem II v. NAC.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

NAC v. NOAD; MVV v. DOS; Rapid JC v. DWS; VVV v. GVAV; Feyenoord v. Sparta; PSV v. ADO; Ajax v. Alkmaar; Elinkwijk v. Enschede; Willem II v. Fortuna '54.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

NOAD v. MVV; DOS v. Rapid JC; DWS v. VVV; GVAV v. Feyenoord; Sparta v. PSV; ADO v. Ajax; Alkmaar v. Elinkwijk; Enschede v. Willem II; Fortuna '54 v. NAC.

SPAIN

SUNDAY, MARCH 5th

Zaragoza v. Real Madrid; Mallorca v. Granada; Oviedo v. Sevilla; Barcelona v. Valencia; Valladolid v. Espanol; Betis v. Elche; Santander v. Real Sociedad; Atletico Madrid v. Atletico Bilbao.

SUNDAY, MARCH 12th

Atletico Bilbao v. Zaragoza; Real Madrid v. Mallorca; Granada v. Oviedo; Sevilla v. Barcelona; Valencia v. Valladolid; Espanol v. Betis; Elche v. Santander; Real Sociedad v. Atletico Madrid.

SUNDAY, MARCH 19th

Mallorca v. Zaragoza; Oviedo v. Real Madrid; Barcelona v. Granada; Valladolid v. Sevilla; Betis v. Valencia; Santander v. Espanol; Atletico Madrid v. Elche; Real Sociedad v. Atletico Bilbao.

SUNDAY, MARCH 26th

Atletico Bilbao v. Mallorca; Zaragoza v. Oviedo; Real Madrid v. Barcelona; Granada v. Valladolid; Sevilla v. Betis; Valencia v. Santander; Espanol v. Atletico Madrid; Elche v. Real Sociedad.

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